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authority social services department which received that one in six children, who were supposed to be in care in Britain could be missing and their files lost.

Mislaid files, lack of follow up care, and children who have effectively "disappeared" are listed in an independent report into Gloucestershing social services, leaked to the BBC. The investigation was commissioned after the discovery of the vicinity of serial killers, Freit and Rose mary West.

The report says that 160 people was children in the meaning of serial killers freit and Rose mary West.

The report says that 160 people was child cample went missing in the area open two decades and reveals that the council files on children in care are missing. The authority of the computers do not commissioned with each other.

Although: Gioucestershire The main police database on take immediate action in the land Yard. But other forces throughout in England and Wales, and in Scotland, cannot

access Scotland Yard's list. Social services and other statutory authorities must inform police of known missing persons. But officially reported people may only be the up of Britain's "missing" iceberg. A Families wishing to avoid police involvement, can confi-

dentially inform the National Missing Person Helpline (NMPH). The charity compiles the National Missing Persons Register, currently holding 14,000 names.

Yesterday, both the NMPH and leading children's charities called on the Government to

he was concerned by the re-port's findings, he did not be-lieve the situation in Gloucestershire was repeated across Britain. "I am disappointed if the files have vanished but surprised if that mirrors the situation through the whole of

the country."

Liberal Democrat health spokesman Simon Hughes called on local authorities to reveal how many children in their care had gone missing.

"Just two weeks ago, an NSPCC inquiry set out the alarming level of abuse of young opie throughout the country, he said. "Now there is evidence that there may be thousands of young people who leave care without anyone in authority knowing where they have

Gloucestershire county coun-cil and Gloucestershire police refused to comment on the draft report, saying they would wait until it was officially published next week. However, vesterday the council was Bob Lewis, president of the considering postponing the Association of Directors of So-

Electronic tags for children

HE WANTS IT

family background and would

believe tags would worsen mat-

ters and youngsters will ignore

Tagging works by attaching an electronic transmitter bracelet

to the ankle or wrist of the of-

fender. It is worn at all times and

triggers a warning signal to a

monitoring centre via a tele-

phone line when an offender

It is understood that Home

Office officials are still drawing

up the details of the amendment

and that ministers will argue

that the measures were not in-

cluded in the Crime Bill because

they were not completed at

the time of the Oucen's Speech.

eral secretary of the Association

of Probation Officers, said;

For the last 60 years the focus

of legislation has been on the

liberty of the child. Tagging

turns the clock back. This mea-

the curfews.

leaves home.

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

Child criminals aged as young as ten will be placed under "house arrest" using electronic tags attached to their arms or legs, under controversial Government proposals to be an-nounced later this month.

The measure, in which parents of juvenile offenders will also face fines if their children break their curfew orders, will be introduced as an amendment to the Crime Bill, The Independent has learnt,

Labour and probation officers last night condemned the move as policy by stealth and argued that it was side-stepping proper parliamentary debate.

John Major first unveiled the proposals, which are aimed at teenage tearaways who van-datise and terrorise communities, at the Tory party conference in October, but there was no mention of the

scheme in the Queen's Speech. The use of electronic tags has already caused a furore after an inconclusive, and at times failing, 17-month trial involving

Under the amendment, it is understood that magistrates will be able to sentence juvenile offenders, aged from 10 to 16. to a curfew order enforced by an electronic monitoring device. . Up to 50,000 young offenders could be eligible for the tags, although only a tiny proportion

would expect to be fitted. The new court order would be aimed at offences such as vandalising vehicles, spraying graffiti and smashing windows. Typically they would have to re-

main at home from 6pm to 6am. Included in the order would be a "bind-over" condition on the child's parents or parent. If the young offender breached their curfew order or damaged their tag, the mother and or father would be liable for a fine, possibly up to £1,000. The oung offenders would be sent back to court for a new sen-

tence. Penal reformers argue that the type of teenager likely to rethe new punishment ceive would already have an unstable

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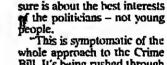
Zaire rescue fails France appeared yesterday to have failed in its bid to muster a multinational force to intervene in the border region of

eastern Zaire.

Manton victory Teachers at Manton Junior School in Nottinghamshire will return to work after the mother of a 10-year-old boy who sparked a strike agreed to move him.

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whole approach to the Crime Bill. It's being rushed through Parliament with extra clauses added too late in the day to allow proper debate and discus-

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, believes - like his op-posite number, Jack Straw - that a strong clampdown on young offenders is a vote-winner.

He has already surprised MPs by announcing that proposals to "name and shame" young thugs, who at present remain anonymous in court cases, and to take away driving licences as a punishment for all kinds of offences will be added as amendments at the Crime Bill's committee stage

In addition, a Private Member's Bill will seek to ban drinking in public by those under 18 years old. The Crime Bill already includes proposals to use electronic tags to monitor curfew orders placed on persistent petty offenders, such as fine defaulters, aged 16 and over.

Labour argues that tagging can only be part of the solution to deal with young offenders. Jack Straw said: "It can only be a limited response to the crisis in the youth justice sys-Harry Fleicher, assistant gen- tem."

However Labour are unwilling to reveal whether they would back or oppose the amendment on juveniles, fearful of being labelled "soft on

similar all over the country communicate with each other. Roddick: My fury over dissident

and Classicole Anita Roddick, founder of the Body Shop, and the fainly of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the hanged r Alan Pro Nigerian dissident, reacted with MMEDIAT fury and dismay yesterday to claims that he had supported violence and used oil profits to

"feather his nest".

The controversy followed an essay by Richard D North, an environmental journalist, which said Mr Saro-Wiwa's past had been misrepresented by West-ern liberals who supported his campaign against the activities of Shell, the oil company.

Mrs Roddick said that Mr Saro-Wiwa had made the "ultimate act of courage" in dying for his belief, that the survival

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Nigerian military regime. "Ken." "judicial murder", by Michael died for what he believed in." Birabaum, a British OC present she said. "If he took a few dol- at a portion of the trial, and by has so bloody be it. He died for a UN investigation."

establish an independent and

comprehensive missing persons

Mary Aspery, said: "Not all par-

ents report missing persons to

the police. If parents fear their

problem children may be in-

volved with the police, they of-ten come to us. Some go to no

one because it is the family that is the source of the trouble."

comprehensive national missing

persons register is essential for

measuring the scale of the prob-

lem and determining what ser-

vices are offered."

Ian Sparks, chief executive of The Children's Society, said: "A

Co-founder of the NMPH,

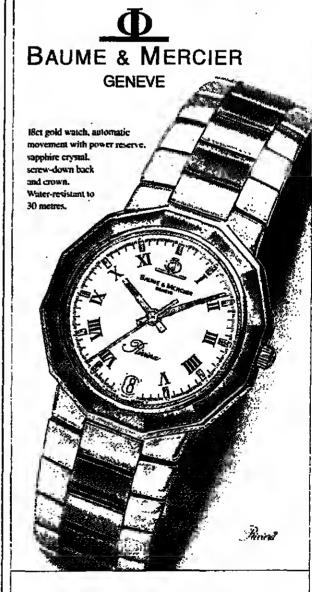
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His son, Ken Wiwa, was fu- the eve of a weekend of intions at the suggestion in the ar- ternational protests to mark ticle that his father had been the first anniversary of Mr Saro-Wiwa's execution by the Niger-

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Dangerous prisoner flees at supermarket and cars film

A dangerous prisoner was on the run last night after giving guards the slip during a stop at a supermarket to use the lavatory.
Police warned the public

not to approach Hugh MacFarlen, 25, who disappeared from Asda in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

He was being taken from Bullingdon Prison. Oxfordshire, to Isleworth Crown Court in London, where he was due to appear for hreach of a probation

MacFarlen was being transported by Premier Prison Services, a company based in Bracknell, Berkshire, which was unable to comment. A police spokesman said: "An extensive search has been launched."

Jailed mother will appeal

Ruth Neave, cleared last week of murdering her soo Rikki, six, is to appeal against her seven-year jail sentence for child cruelty and other offences.

Her lawyers believe that the sentence was too long and that the judge at Northampton Crown Court, Mr Justice Popplewell, had not takeo sufficient account of the trauma Neave, 28, had suffered as the result of her soo's death.

10000 hours wasted on Bill

The Government wasted nearly 10,000 hours of civil servants' time this year preparing a Bill to stop big companies cutting prices to force competitors out of business, which was dropped from the Queen's Speech, a minister admitted.

The measures in the Bill. which could have curbed Rupert Murdoch's ability to exploit his domination of the newspaper and new television markets, have been promised by the

Government since 1988. This year alone, the civil service devoted 1.4 personyears to drawing up a consultation document in March, and a further 3.2 person-years to a draft Bill in August, John Taylor, trade and industry minister, told Kim Howells, a Labour spokesman. John Rentoul

JG Ballard defends sex

The controversial film Crash was defended by the novelist JG Ballard, on whose book it is based, and by the director, David Cronenberg. A stylised portrayal of car

accidents as crotic, it is to be distributed in Britain by Columbia TriStar if passed for viewing.

Mr Cronenberg defended the film as a "metaphor". Mr Ballard said: "In many ways the film goes even further than the book I wrote. If you read the book there is clearly an attempt going on to justify the extraordinary events being described." David Lister

'Fitness' issue on war crimes

A jury may be asked to decide whether an 85-yearold man accused in Britain's first war crimes trial is fit to plead when he appears at the Old Bailey next year. Mr Justice Potts decided

to hold two preliminary hearings before Szymon Serafinowicz stands trial on 22 January.
Defence lawyers are

expected to urge at the first that the case he thrown out under an abuse of process argument. That is set provisionally for next month Serafinowicz's fitness to plead will be decided at the second. The retired carpenter from Banstead, Surrey, who was in court yesterday, faces three . J'charges of yourdering lews between 1941 and 1942 in

Father of eight spurns home

An unemployed man with eight children is refusing to move his family back into a house the local council has pepared for them by making two properties into one. because it has only one garden. Philip Smith, 41, already has a quarter of an acre garden in Upton Scudamore, near Warminster. Wiltshire. The conversion

Pedal power

The mayor of Walsall has replaced his Daimler Sovereignwith a bicycle, to save money. Richard Worrall's white hicycle now sports a red mayoral pendant.

Ashdown reveals the big hole at the heart of British politics

Britain's missing 2 million voters

Political Correspondent

The big issues of modern poli-tics are being "dncked" in the run-up to the election, spelling disaster for a Labour government if Tony Blair wins, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democ-

rat leader, warned last night. Citing green issues above all as the challenge being side-stepped. Mr Ashdown launched a blistering attack on the "polities of quietude". He told a rally in London: "In the battle of the spin doctors and soundbites the really hig issues aren't being dehated. That, we are told, is the way it must be. It's the only way to win elections. "Hasn't Bill Clinton's victory proved it? No tough messages please. Puff small things up into hig ones and ignore the really ones altogether.

Blair's drive to appeal to the Tory-voting middle class, he described the lesson Labour middle classes.

another dig at Labour's close links with President Clinton's

In a pointed reference to Mr

seemed to learn from America "Don't frighten the horses - above all, don't frighten the He came close to admitting that Mr Blair would win, with

twice-victorious campaign team. "The politics of quietude may prove - it has proved for President Clinton and Labour hopes it will prove for Tony Blair - a winning strategy for the election. But I cannot think of a worse strategy for a successful govfast, warns Lord Nolan

Parliament is sinking

Burning issues: But the 'politics of quietude' prefers to

ernment after the election," he

He said Britain was "sleepwalking into the next century, and into disasters which are inevitable if we will not face up to what is ahead".

avoid real controversy for fear of frightening the voters The fierce criticism of Mr Blair's strategy is a significant marker of the distance still remaining between the Liberal Democrats and Labour after a series of recent instances of the two parties working together.

joint committee at shadow cabinet level to work on a common programme of constitutional reform, while this week home affairs spokesmen Jack Straw and Alex Carlile jointly presented plans to ban combat knives to the Home Office.

But in his speech to a Real World rally, organised by a coalition of green, anti-pover-ty and global social justice groups, Mr Ashdown said: Someone said to me receotly: The real problem about our politics today is that there are no really hig issues to confront us'. Nonsense. Indeed, exactly the opposite is the truth ...

"The tragedy of politics today isn't that the issues are small.

cause the ideas are small, the politicians are getting smaller He went on: "The deterio-

ration of the global environment is the most serious and difficult practical and real challenge that faces humankind today." He called for government acout nuclear power, boost re-

tion to conserve energy, phase newable sources of energy and charge drivers for polluting city roads. And he repeated his call for taxes to be shifted "away from things we want more of like jobs - on to the things we want less of like pollution". Labour politicians have con-

sidered advocating a pollution tax but have rejected it as too The issues are huge. It's the risky before an election.

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Blair on Major's home ground

John Rentoul Political Correspondent

Tony Blair laid claim to John Major's home turf last night, speaking to young people in the district once represented by the Prime Minister as a Lambeth councillor in Brixton, south London.

While the Labour leader's aides cast doubt on the authenticity of Mr Major's claim to humble origins, Mr Blair asserted Labour's right to speak for the deprived inner cities,

He said his mainly black and young audience would have the same question as any othaudience. "What difference will Labour make to me and to my community?" And his answer would also be the same: "Young people in Brixton want the same as young people anywhere else - a role in life, a good education, the chance of a joh, a life free of crime, and a de-cent standard of living for themselves and their families.

The Labour leader told his audience he wanted the alienated youth of the unner cities to re-engage in the democratic life of the nation.

He accused the Tories of wanting to breed cynicism and apathy, and drew attention to The Independent's report this week that two million people, mostly in the inner cities, are not registered to vote, and urged his audience to vote for anyone. "I



would rather someone voted Tory than not at all," he said. He invoked the example of President Mandela. "If there is anyone who can teach us the value of having a vote it is Nelson Mandela, who fought all his life to hring democracy to his country," he said.

Earlier, writing in the London Evening Standard, he signalled

that he thought a directly-elected Mayor of London was more important than a new slimline GLC to reviving interest in voting. "We must improve the quality of our democracy. That is why I am so keen on the idea

of elected mayors, and an elected authority for London."
Mr Blair was invited to a question-and-answer session by

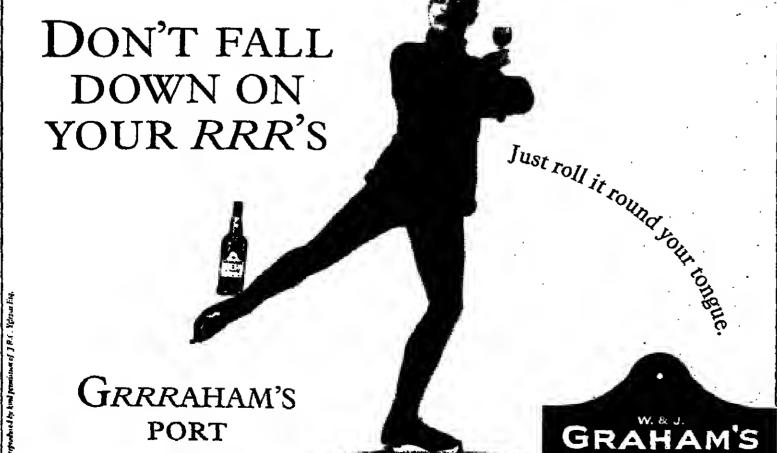
the Stockwell Park Estate Community Trust, and said he had been "delighted" to accept the challenge. He said a similar invitation to the Prime Minister had been turned down.

Although Mr Major was at the Anglo-French summit yesterday, the invitation was for a debate at any time.

A spokesman for Tory Cen-

tral Office yesterday dismissed suggestions that Mr Major was reluctant to stage a face-to-face debate with Mr Blair. "You only have to look at the record why Mr Major is a Conservative,

of Labour in Lambeth to know and to know why Labour policies have been disastrous for the people there," he said. Mr Major reminded the Tory conference in Bournemouth last year of his early years in Brixton, immortalised in the political hroadcast 'The Journey before the last election, in which he murmured "It's still there, it's still there", as he drove past the small flat to which his family had been forced to move from leafy Worcester Park by the failure of



College staff unite to strike over pay

Barrie Clement

More than 220 colleges and universities throughout Britain face an unprecedented 24-hour pay strike by 100,000 employees with the threat of worse dis-

Leaders of a whole range of employees from professors to porters yesterday announced a vote in favour of industrial action which will begin with a daylong stoppage on 19 November and continue with indefinite action short of strikes to "gum up the works".

More walkouts are possible and academics at the older universities are considering a plan to disrupt examinations if management refuses to improve its proposals on pay.

Union leaders yesterday said the vote - in protest at a 1.5 per cent offer for most staff and 2.5 per cent for manual workers was the first time in British academic history that all employ-ees in higher education had opted to strike on the same issue at the same time.

The aim on 19 November is to shut down the whole sector, although turnout in the ballots

favour of strikes varied be- earned just £9,000. tween 52 per cent and 76 per

Employees' leaders, who have won the support of the Na-tional Union of Students, are to mount picket lines on the. strike day and expect that some non-union staff will refuse to

John Akker, general secre-tary of lecturers' union NATFHE, whose membership is concentrated at the new universities and colleges of further education, said the campaign was aimed at securing a reasonable new offer from management rather than disrupting

services to students. The unions say that pay of employees in the sector varies from an average £7,504 among maoual workers, £12,655 for white-collar staff and more than £26,000 a year for top academics. The salaries of senior dons had been tied to high grade civil servants and MPs, but the Whitehall mandarins were now paid £39,000 a year

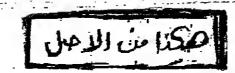
varied from 38 per cent to 70 per stitutions were paid around cent among the eight organisa-tions involved The polls in at the newer establishments

Elaine Harrison, head of public service union Unison. said the offer meant only 10p an hour to her members. The ballot result sends out

a clear message that Unison members are angry with this derisory and unfair offer. They are sick of bearing the brunt of government cutbacks."
Chris Kaufman of the Trans-

port and General Workers' Union, said that attempts by some institutions to table local offers had been rejected by the unions because they were intent on preserving national pay bar-gaining. However, such gestures showed there was more money in the system.

Stephen Rouse, chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Employers' Association, said management under stood the feelings of staff, but did not have the funds to reward the "magnificent" contribution they had made in increasing productivity. He said there had been a cut in govand parliamentarians £43,000. ernment funding of 2.1 per



THE PORT OF AUTHORITY

Vigils in memory of executed dissident

This weekend, the thoughts of Western liberals will be focused on Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Nigerian dissident who was ex-

In Dublin Sinead O'Connor is giving a concert to his memin London, and every petrol station in Slovakia will be subjected

Richard D North, an environ-

is giving a concert in his memory, silent vigils will take place lished by The Independent yesaccused of using the campaign of the Ogoni people to stop oil

The anger of Saro-Wiwa's exploration by Shell in the jected yesterday by Ledum Misupporters has been fuelled by Niger delta as a useful route a controversial essay written by to faine and wealth."

The suggestion that he tried president of Mosop, who shared He said that the Movement a prison cell with Mr Saro-Wiwa

mental journalist, who accused for the Sinviyal of the Ogoni the activist of supporting virgent. People (Massop), which Mr protest and feathering in own. Saro-Wina founded, had an nest with oil profits.

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pointed tribunal and was acquitted. Nine other Ogooi activists, including Mr Saro-Wiwa, were convicted and

Mr Mitee defended himself

before the Nigerian military-ap-

for more than a year.

Mr Mitee said he was "terri-

"The suggestion that he tried to feather his oest is completely not true. All the while of his public life he did not have any. property in Nigeria or any-

"It was not until later in life when he left the government and went into trade that he was able to make decent money with which he was able to get the

was a very highly-principled person who hated the whole idea of corruption in public and

private life. He has demon-

strated that in his plays, "The importance of this that actions are taken so that they did not die in vain."

eckend is to draw attention to the sacrifice that Ken and the others have made and to ensure

Shop launched a global weekeod of protest in support of the continued struggle of the Ogo-

ni people. Campaigners are concerned for the sasety of 19 Ogoni activists being held in jail in Nige-ria. Yesterday it was revealed that relatives of Mr Saro-Wiwa and John Kpumen, an Ogoni youth leader who was hanged with him, had filed a federal law-The controversy over Mr

suit in New York against Roy al Dutch Petroleum and Shell Transport and Trading.

The lawsuit alleges that the oil companies played a role in the detention and subsequent.

hanging of the two men.

A Shell spokesman denied that the company had caused environmental harm but said that the company was oow looking for "reconciliation" with the Ogoni people.

Why I can't agree with this tainted account of my father's life

Ken Wiwa

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on policy

I have three main complaints about Richard D North's article in yesterday's Independent. They are se-rious enough for me to demand a substantial retraction or seek legal action if I am not satisfied that my father's reputation is not stained by unfounded allegations contained in the piece. The main thrust of my grievance is as follows:

Mr North alludes to the "large house in Surrey" owned · by my late father. The definition of large here is highly contentious, and a simple check on the location, value - at time of purchase and current - will only lead your readers to the conclusion that not many, if any, residents of the area could afford to send a child to Eton.

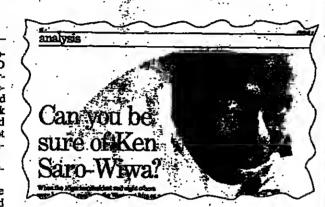
The implication is that my father was very wealthy, but by Nigerian and British standards and the evidence supplied in your piece, he was not. Rather, he falls into the sector of population who invest their hardearned fortune in their children's future, not on ostenta-

ly believed to liave feathered his to fear on that score. Delta oil port of Bonny during the civil war. It would certainly explain his sudden affluence. at that time. If he was a crook, it is no more than Nigerians expect of each other.

Widely believed by whom? deace to back the "h As a journalist, I am shocked stomander charge. that such a crucial part ander-lying the central theme of Mr North's article is not backed by any statement in fact.

For argument's sake, let me put my father's side of the story to you; after the civil war, he worked in the River State government before resigning to go into business in 1973. We continued to live in the spacious former colonial house that came with his government post even after he left office; he rented the property from the government. In 1977, four years after leaving government, having achieved success in his trading business - fuelled by the buoyant economy after the hike in oil prices - my father bought

checked his version of events by a meanness of thought



picking op the phone and call-ing me at The Guardian. Or he would have done even better by reading any one of my father's 50 books, where he expounds at considerable length, and at personal cost, on the lack of financial probity in Nigeria, And in this he was forever answering the suspicion of journalists like Mr North by challenging anyone who asked to lay their accounts side-by-side with him and establishing who was the

more bonest man. I challenge Mr North to do the same. My father's financial tious living. the same. My father's financial series Mr North asserts affairs are still there for everythat within Nigeria he is wide one to inspect. He has nothing

quote accusing "Ken of incite-ment to murder". It is ambring that Mr North does not point out that the tribunal which "tried and sentenced" my father and the others found no evidence to back the "incitement



Mr North could easily have Ken Wiwa: 'North displays

This is the same tribunal which was condemned universally - by John Major as "judicial murder", by Michael Birnbaum, a British barrister cial present at a portion of the trial. and by a UN investigation into the case.

Independent and Mr North should read the judges' final summing up in the flawed case. They might find their comments at best ignorant.

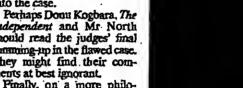
Pinally, on a more philosophical note, I resent the spin put on the piece.

per suggests, journalists are in-structed to form an opinion terested parties. Yet Mr North flew in Shell helicopters and was shown around by the company.

he might, in passing, have men-tioned Shell's own environmentalist, Bopp Van Sessel, who resigned in protest at the company's record in the region. Is this piece fact or Shell's version of events? Why do you not make this distinction clear? By the methods which Mr North employs to inform your readers. I am sure he could no doubt find

Ridings School, Ultimately, by trying to taint my father with the same brush as the sp-called "leaders" who have reduced one of the world's largest oil-producing countries to one of the poorest in the world. Mr North displays a meanness of thought of the

There are many well-meaning people in Nigeria, those who work hard to try to alleviate the crushing inequalities and meanspiritedness in the society. As



Surely, as the title of your pa-

my father once said about Nice ria, "the only wrong-doers are those who do no wrong". . For an independent assessment of Shell's record in Delta, It is sad that Mr North cannot recognise the spirit of a man. Yes, my father was no saint.

That much I have admitted in many interviews. Perhaps your readers would be more likely to believe this coming from his son than from the daughter of a man who is a sworn enemy of my father? (But if you believe a man's private life is any indication of his contribution to a society, then a conflicting view of life at The at least in your piece you may want to balance Shell's claims

> Shell executives.). Finally, my father could hardly be described as "poshly spo-ken." He spoke with a heavy Nigerian accept, as anyone who knew him or who has heard his comments oo Channel 4 documentaries might attest.

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Britons killed in Nigeria airline crash

At least five Britons were killed when a Nigerian airliner crashed only minutes before it was due to land, it was con-

The British High Commission in the Nigerian capital Lagos said that five British meo were among the 141 people who died when the Boeing 727 came down at about 5pm on Thursday as it was nearing Lagos oo an internal flight from the oil city of Port Harcourt.

Commission spokesman John Watam said: "We definitely have five British men confirmed as passengers, but we are trying to get more information on reports there may be a sixth. We understand that the plane crashed about 60 miles from Lagos and part of it has been seen in a large lagoon.

The terrain in the area is making it very difficult for rescue teams to reach the crash site and recover bodies and debris. "We do not know which part of the aircraft is in the water or if any bodies have been recovered. I understand that it is only

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really accessible by boat.

the sceoe and are desperately trying to find out as much information as we can about what

has happened."
Flight ADC086, operated by
Aviation Development Company, had 132 passengers and nine crew on board. Nigerian aviation officials have confirmed there were no survivors. It has emerged that one of

the Britons involved was an English employee of Wireline and Testing, a division of oil services giant Schlumberger. A Schlumberger spokesman in Aberdeeo said the man's family were being informed and no details were being released.

Two employees of Londonbased oil company Haliburton - thought to be an American and a Dutch man - were also on board, but a company spokesman said it had no reports of any Britons being involved.

There are several large oil

companies in Port Harcourt, and the flight between the city and Lagos is generally used only by people working in the industry. Nigeria's aviation minister is

at the crash scene and a top-lev-

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He harasses me on the phone, sends me goods I don't want, but the police can't do anything

Every time Fiona Watts hears a knock on the door her palms start sweating and she panics. Will it be a taxi? Or a pizza? Or perhaps it will just be the postman, with more junk mail bear-

Either of those things might seem trivial by itself, but Ms Watts has been stalked "by third party" for three years, in a campaign comprising hundreds of nuisance telephone calls, unwanted taxi and takeaway orders, junk mail and having her number published in small advertisements.

"I've kept thinking that at some point he'll get bored, hut now be seems to be getting worse. It's affected my job and everything - and he's totally within the law," Ms Watts said. Despite the distress and in-

convenience she has suffered, under existing law, Ms Watts is powerless to do anything about it. And according to Labour's spokeswoman on women's issues, Janet Anderson, whose own anti-stalking Bill was blocked last year, the Government's proposed legislation will eoable such forms of harassment to continue.

Ms Watts, an educational programme organiser from Manchester, claims she has suffered the "third-party" harass-ment since 1993, when she and a flatmate fell out with the man, who cannot be oamed for legal reasons. At first, she says,

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up. Assuming that he would get bored, at first they did not act. Then unordered taxis began

arriving at the door; once six

arrived within 20 minutes. The

he would telephooe and hang drivers, she said, were "oot happy" to find that they had been called out for nothing. They take it out on me. I get

further afield. I can't warn every single taxi firm," Ms Watts said. Along with the taxis came the a tirade of abuse sometimes. I've uosolicited takeaway food. now got a code with the local Sometimes restaurants called

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As the telephone calls con-

fortunately for Ms Watts, her caller teoded to call from multi-extension company lines, ofteo operated by oon-BT companies, making the calls difficult to trace. The caller, she

> and has moved companies several times. The various forms of harassment cootinued until this year. Then last month Ms Watts'

claims, also worked casually,

oumber began appearing in a classified advertisement in the Manchester Evening News, offering a room for rent. The bill, in her flatmate's name, was seot to her address.

The newspaper pulled the advertisement when it became aware of the circumstances.

But a spokeswoman said that the sheer weight of advertisements meant that they were often impossible to check out. It has now logged Ms Watts' telephone number to prevent it

nppearing again.
Ms Watts' latest ordeal has beeo junk mail. Her harasser fills out coupons in newspapers and she has been receiving "heaps" of junk mail from roof tilers, mobile phooe companies, but most usually concerning life insurance.

If we doo't answer them ofteo the company will follow up with phone calls – this means he gets other people to do the harassing for him. But we haven't

Ms Watts is now hoping that the cariginal coupons, many of which have been sent to her, will provide the breakthrough she needs. But she believes the unwanted attention is not taken seriously by police as it is

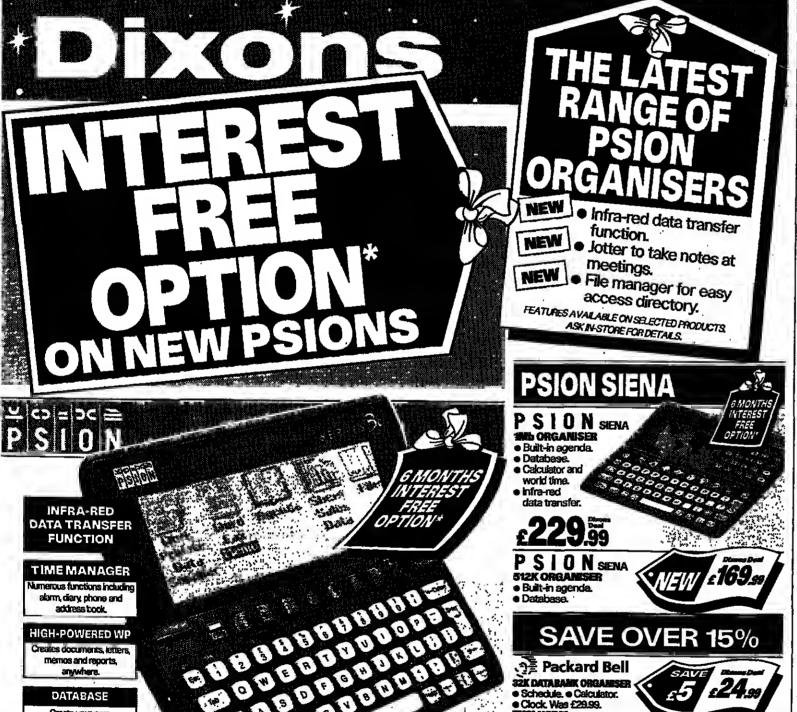
*But this has affected me. ? delivering stuff that won't fit through the door. When there are knocks on the door my heart sinks, when the phone goes, when taxis pull up outside my palms start swearing and I panic. My sleeping pattern is a com-plete disaster."

According to Ms Anderson the Government's proposed legislation appears to contain no definition of stalking, which leaves victims like Ms Watts no remedy apart from expensive in-

Her original anti-stalking Bill drawn up with the aid of anti-harassment lawyers cootaioed a catch-all definition which would have made the unwanted attention illegal. It specified someooe who unwarranted or unsolicited material at a place where another person lives, works or regular-ly visits" and acts which are likely to cause that other person to feel harassed".

"The Government said at that time that he thought the definition was too wide ... but as this case shows, any anti-stalk-ing definition has to be fairly wide," Ms Anderson said yesterday. She added that as with Ms Watts' case, the burdeo of proof fell too heavily on stalk-

A spokeswoman for law firm Lawson-Cruttenden, which specialises io harassmeot cases. said there were many similar cases that were likely to slip through the legislative oct. It helped draw up Labour's Bill and had proposed a definition which it believed was workable.
"We're very keen to get this sortchanged our oumber because ed as at the moment because there would be no point and I people are suffering," she said.







Gazza gets the boot in playground poll

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The foothall star Paul Gascoigne received the higgest snub of his chequered career yesterday - from a bunch of junior schoolchildren.

The blow was delivered by nine-year-old Aaron Young. who conducted a playground survey to decide if Gascoigne should play for England in today's World Cup qualifier with Georgia.

Gascoigne had been Aaron's favourite England player but the school goalie was so angry about the allegations that he bad beaten up his wife, Sheryl, that he decided to canvass the views of classmates during playtime to see if they thought the star should be dropped. The schoolboy then bor-

rowed his mother's computer to type out his findings and presented a report on the survey to his class teacher, Christine

The results showed that 68 per cent of the children Aaroo interviewed at Harvington Church of England First School, oear Evesham, Worcester, believed Gascoigne should have been dropped from Glenn Hoddle's England squad.

The other 32 per cent were in favoor of the Glasgow Rangers star keeping his place. I did like Gazza before this but put me off," said Aaron, who supports Aston Villa. "I felt very strongly that Gazza should not play for England and I wanted to find out what the other chil-

dren thought. "I went around the play-ground asking people and taking notes. I was quite surprised by the results, because I thought Gazza would get more sup-port. I think Gazza has lost a lot of fans over this this."

them were three teachers - the deputy head, Stephen Wilkes, was the only staff member weighing in with support for Gascoigne.
All five females questioned by

Aaron - including two teachers - agreed that Gascoigne should have heen dropped.

The headmistress, Marcia

Palmer, said: "The staff didn't put any personal oars in here -Aaron did this purely off his "Aaroo has what I call a true

sportsman's attitude - he is very positive and caring to other people and this is the kind of thing Aaroo would feel quite strongly about.

People oeed to realise that children do have moral values. Often we under-estimate their ability to know what is right and

when I heard about the al-leged assault on his wife, that adults could do well to take note of their views. Here is a child who is saying this man used to be my idol hut oot any more.

"It would be interesting if Gazza was to read Aaron's report, because being condemned by a group of nine-year-olds might shock the young man. Thank goodness there are chil-dreo like Aaron who understand that kind of behaviour is

"But for every Aaron there Altogether Aaroo quizzed are many boys who have Gaz-25 people at the school. Among za as their hern and therefore consider this behaviour acceptable. Stars like Gazza have a moral responsibility and the

chap has got to grow up.
"I feel sorry for him, because
it's sad and I would certainly want to give him another chance but I don't think I would have picked him this

Aaroo's mother, Lyn Young, of Rushford, near Evesham, said: "We had been talking about this matter as a family and Aaron was disgusted that Gazeveo though his problem hurt someone else.

"He has always been a great admirer of Gazza's play. But all Aaron's friends are keen football fans and he was conscious it was a bad example to set."



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Tories in a tangle over attack on red tape

Political Correspondent

The Government's drive to cut red tape has run into the sand as each attempt to lift minor regulations turns into a tangle

of new complications. A report from MPs pub-lished this week on the three latest measures reveals they are a far cry from "the biggest bonfire of controls in modern times" promised by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime

Minister, two years ago. The measures have been approved by MPs on the grounds that they "will reduce a burden", but the small print of their report reveals a different pic-

The Government's plan to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to work in pubs "would create several more criminal offences". the report admits. A plan to cut the work of weights and measures inspectors has run into opposition from glassware makers who say it will cost jobs, and may fall foul of European Union law. And a plan to reduce the paperwork required for marriage "is unlikely to produce significant practical benefits", the MPs conclude,

Labour members of the powerful cross-party Deregulation Select Committee, set up last year to scrutinise the compaign against red tape, describe the drive as "a real case of the Governmeot making paperwork for

The promise to "simplify rules and regulations" was one of the central claims of the 1992 Conservative election manifesto. The Prime Minister appointed Mr Heseltine to drive it through and last year he said: "I have made a commitment that we will make one deregi-

The plan to let 16- and 17year-olds on approved appren-ticeship schemes work in bars is a particularly strange example of "deregulation", as it requires a whole new raft of rules to protect under-age apprenes from exposure to alcohol and to "shield them from situations where customers may become violent and abusive

If this were not complex enough, the MPs recommend that the order "be amended to provide that apprentices should not be employed in the bar area after 11.30pm".

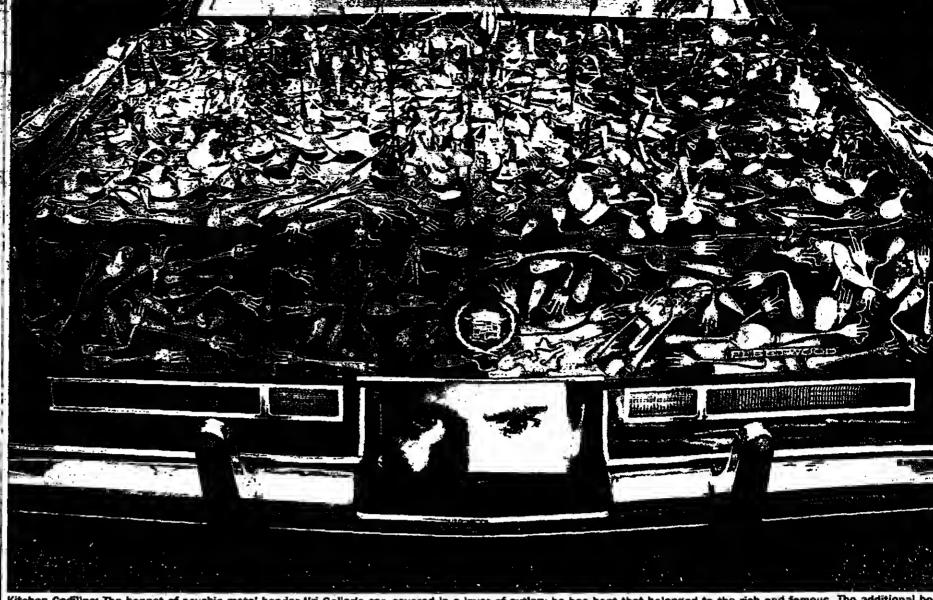
Next, the committee was unable to find out whether the plan to let manufacturers verify their own weighing and measuring equipment subject to spot checks was compatible with the European technical standards

It received several complaints that a different regime in the UK would be a barrier to trade in the European Union, and a glassware makers complained that it would have the unintended effect of costing more and putting its employees out

The third measure, to "extend the validity of the civil notice of marriage from three to 12 months" also ran into trouble when Registrars complained that it would lead to wasted time and money as more couples failed to turn up for marriages which had been booked so long

The future of the deregulation initiative is equally smallscale. The Government is still consulting interested parties on "reducing licensing requirements for skin piercing and "allowing cycle races on bri-

latory change every week." Meanwhile, 18 other measure April 1995; only 22 sures have completed consulacted, producing a total annu- government decisions.



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Carey ducks in clash over gay service

Andrew Brown

Religious Affairs Correspondent.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, yesterday tried to calm the growing row over a leshian and gay service of thanksgiving to be held in Southwark cathedral next Saturday by distancing himself from the proposed event, while defending the right of the organisers to worship. The decision to allow the Les-

bian and Gay Christian Movement (LGCM) to use the cathedral to celebrate their 20th anniversary had been noth-

bility of the Provost and Chapter of Southwark cathedral," he

This was not a decision taken by bishops individually or collectively and it does not reflect any change in the position out-lined in the House of Bishops' statement on issues in human sexuality in 1991.

The statement be referred to suggested that homosexual relationships among the laity were sometimes acceptable, but never among the clergy. It has been ceaselessly attacked since then as an illogical and unsustainable compromise by both

"the House of Bishops is not about to change the position outlined in that statement ... To make a church or cathedral available to Christian people for worship and prayer, or to

congregation wants," Dr Carey's statement continued. This is believed to be a reference by the decision of the Bishop of Guildford, Dr John Gladwyn, to preach at the service, which will also be attended by an American bishop, the Rt Rev Walter Righter, who was

preach at such a gathering, cannot properly he taken as an endorsement of whatever the

after he ordained a practising homosexual priest.

The Diocese of Southwark, which covers London south of the Thames, has been riven by the decision to hold the service. Evangelicals collected nearly 100 clergy signature for a petition against the festival, which they describe as "a celebration of 20 years of gay sex"; sup-porters collected slightly more.

Some of the largest evangelical parishes are planning to withhold funds from the diocese in protest. One is planning to break off all relations with the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt of the Bishop of Fulham, the Rt Rev John Broadhurst.

Dr Carey said he disagreed with "some of the aims of the LGCM ... For example, the bishops cannot regard homosexual practice as on a par with heterosexual practice within marriage". But he refused to ex-clude them from the Church: they are, he said, "Christian people loved by God who are our brothers and sisters in Christ." To allow them to worship was, he said, "A mark of recognition that followers of Christ should cherish all that they have in common, notwith-Dr Carey said yesterday that ican church court of heresy place itself under the protection opinion on particular issues."



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Australia bans Gerry Adams over IRA links

A political storm broke in Australia yesterday after the federal government announced that it was banning Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, and David Irving, the right-wing British historian, from visiting the country because both men were not of good character.

It was the third time that Mr Irving has been refused a visa to enter Australia, where he had planned a speaking tour to pro-mote his controversial view that the Holocaust never happened. But it was the exclusion of Mr Adams, on what was to have been his first Australian visit to promote his biography, that caused the greater outcry, par-

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speech, and accused the conservative Liberal-National coalinon government, led by John Howard, of caving in to pressure

from the British government.

Announcing his decision to refuse visas to both men. Phillip Ruddock, the immigration min-ister, said that they had failed a test of good character under Australia's Immigration Act. Mr Ruddock cited Mr Irving's 1992 conviction in Germany for dehis deportation from Canada in 1992 and from Germany in 1993 and his 1994 jail sentence in Britain. Taken together, they reyeal a consistent pattern of behaviour that led me to believe

> good character," he said. Leaders of Australia's Jewish community welcomed the ban. and said it would have been "catastrophic" to let Mr Irving in at a time when Australians were alon racial issues involving Asian

that Mr Irving is not a person of

immigration and aborigines.
As for Mr Adams, Mr Ruddock said that he continued to

ticularly among Australians of Irish descent. Civil liberties sional IRA, an organisatio groups also attacked the Adams that "conducted criminal test sional IRA, an organisation that "conducted criminal terban as a violation of free rorist acts and bombings", and that the Immigration Act lowed him to refuse visa applications to people who west members of criminal organisi-tions. Asked if Canberra had been lobbied by the British sovemment, Mr Ruddock said: *1am not able to comment on what

may or may not have occurred." The ban on Mr Adams took many people by surprise. Mr. Howard has made much of the fact that his government wants faming the memory of the dead. to promote a new climate of free speech. That, tognther with Mr Adams' recent visit to the White-House, had led to a belief that the Sinn Fein leader would be allowed entry. But Mr Howard is one of Australia's most conscrvative political leaders who
would be inclined instinctively to

support the British government. Mr Irving accused Australia of acting illegally and said he was consulting his solicitor.

Dodie McGuinness, of Sinn

ready involved in a fiery debate Fein's national executive, issued a statement saying: "At this point in the search for a restored peace process ... this decision is most unhelpful."

Gas prices cut for 18 million

British Gas yesterday agreed to still supplies most domestic make price cuts to its 18 million customers with their gas, the domestic customers after pressure from the regulator, Ofgas. Households will see their

age of £7 next year, with a fur-ther cut averaging 4 per cent each year until 2000.

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Ofgas welcomed the move Gas, Philip Rogerson, said: "Al-

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Ofgas said: With competition in the domestic gas supply being introduced throughout 1988, the new control will pro- and PrePayment tariffs. ect-customers while allowing

troduce new tariffs to compete with rival companies." Clare Spottiswoode, Ofgas's director general of gas supply, said: "This is good news for cus-

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School reopens as boy's mother gives up fight

Education Correspondent

Teachers at Manton Junior will return to work on Monday after the mother of a 10-yearold boy who sparked a strike

agreed to move him. Pamela Cliffe, whose son Matthew Wilson was alleged to have been violent and disruptive, bowed to pressure after the county council announced it was prepared to act outside its powers to remove him if necessary.

The school was closed last week after its governors decided to stop paying for a sup-ply teacher to look after the

Teachers at the school had voted to strike rather than to teach him after governors at the school overturned the head's decision to exclude him. His mother was adamant that he should return and had said she would seek a judicial

review of the case. However, her solicitor, Stephen Williams, said yesterday that she was not prepared to see the school remain

"battle weary" after nearly two months of dispute."She feels that no one else seems to School in Nottinghamshire have the interests of the children at heart, certainly not the unions or the teachers," He

She feels she has gone as far as she can and is now, reluctantly, going to take him out of the school and make arrangements for him to he transferred elsewhere."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Associatioo of Schoolmasters welcomed the decision.

"It will he hetter for the youngster in the long-ruo. Again, more has heen achieved by NASUWT action than all the pious mouthings of politicians about morality, he said. The head teacher, Bill Skelly, shut the school last week on the grounds that he could not guarantee all his pupils' safety, hut a staff strike started straight afterwards.

Yesterday he said he hoped

media will respect the right of our pupils to restart their education without the glare of publicity.

Doug McAvoy, geoeral sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, which represents Mr Skelley, said it was appal-ing that the dispute had takeo so long to resolve. It first hlew up in July, hut governors de-cided to pay for a supply teacher to keep Matthew out

'Had the head teacher's judgement prevailed earlier, pupils at Manton school would not have had their education disrupted. Matthew would have had his own educational needs met and the adverse publicity would have heen avoided," Mr McAvoy said.

Fred Riddell, chairman of Nottinghamshire educatioo authority, had written to the Secretary of State for Educa-tion, Gillian Shephard, asking for her hacking if the boy was removed from the school.

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the school could return to normal and continue with the decision not to exclude him, task of educating all its pupils. even though the members who "School will re-open on hlocked it resigned last week. Scene of struggle: Villages THE LINK! BT PHONE CALLS WITH EVERY PURCHASE At least 200 THE CHEAPEST WAY TO COMMUNICATE? FREE BT Minutes* with all mobile phones You'll make a far better choice ON ONE 2 ONE MOBILE PHONE at The Link! You'll discover an exciting range of mobile phones and communication products with the biggest choice in the High Street. MONTH UNTIL THE END OF 19974 e Friendly, helpful staff will help you make 0500 222 666 the right purchase to suit your needs and your pocket. e With such fantastic offers every week, **Motorola** Flare why go anywhere else? one z one Up to 60 minutes talktime/ FREEPHONE 12 hours standby 0500 222 666 • Free local peoplered calls** 99 name and number memory FOR YOUR NEAREST STORE AND e Free auswering service on all largin Last 10 number redial No cosi to pick sip me No monthly charge No sebupteo Dedicated VoiceMail key MONEY BACK If you are not completely satisfied return your purchase for a refund (0-) £29,99 within 14 days for mobile phones
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Running a slate: to raise the roof

Stephen Goodwin Heritage Correspondent

Small-scale quarrying is to be encouraged in some of England's loveliest landscapes to provide stone slates for traditional roofs.

A shortage of the heavy gritstone slate used in the south Pennines has prompted a Roofs of England campaign, to be launched at the National Stone Centre at Wirksworth in Derbyshire next Wednesday.

Based on a year of research by English Heritage, Derbyshire County Council and the Peak District National Park, the aim is to revive slate production from hand-worked quarries. The park faces a dilemma

wer the slate shortage. It is gen-

erally opposed to quarrying large-scale limestone extraction has left massive scars - yet

it insists on traditional materi-Barns and isolated buildings in the Peak District and elsewhere in the Pennines have been robbed of their roofs to

years and much of the deman has been met by salvaging old slates, often from demolished mills. But as mills have become part of the protected heritage the shortage has increased, ex-acerbated by the dubious use of

slates on oew buildings. Gritstone slabs fetch betwe £200 and £300 a ton. The Duchess of Devonshire, who will be at next week's launch, is among Derbyshire landowners who have had buildings stripped

by slate thieves. Up to three-quarters of an inch thick, gritstone slates are laid with the biggest above the eaves and diminishing in size to the ridge. An eaves slafe can be five feet square and take-two men to lift. Seven generic types of gristone have been identified

in roofs in the south Pennines. The project team has managed to acquire new slate from two-man quarty west of coffield. Though not in the past used for roof slates, the quarry yielded stone capable of being cut for eaves. The campaign will encourage other feed a lucrative trade. There has small quarries to open for slate been no quarrying of gritstone for slates in the Peak District for the Cotswolds.

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11 h - 27 South Mark 医电子性 医电子 Tony Blair's claim to have taken over the centre ground of British politics has been boosted by research showing voters see themselves as much closer to Labour than the Conservatives on key policy issues.

by John Curtice, senior lectur-er at Strathclyde University, suggests Tory divisions on the issue mean they are not bene-fiting from the growing Euro-scepticism of the public.

At the last election voters tended to place themselves halfway between Labour and the Tories on most policies, but since then Labour is perceived to have moved towards the centre, while the Tories have lurched to the right. According to the study the electorate, meanwhile, has tended to move slightly to the left, which means that on many issues the average voter is now

closely aligned with Labour. On Europe, the picture is different. Labour is seen to have a score, where zero meant highmoved towards favouring closer ties with Europe, while both the Tories and the electorate themselves are seen as having er spending. In the four years moved in a sceptical direction. On average, voters are even more sceptical than the Tories, who are in turn seen as more sceptical than Labour.

But the surprising finding is that more voters say they are per cent closest to the Tories.

Further analysis of the same

expected finding. Pro-European voters tend to think the Tories are anti-European, while anti-

they are pro-European.
Views of where Labour stands on Europe, on the other hand, do not seem to depend on voters' own prejudices

This reversal of the position Voters see themselves as close to Labour even on Europe, traditionally a strong Tory issue and one they hope to ex-ploit in the election. The study, ven by the Tory split on the issue, which has left neither side satisfied.

On other key issues, voters not only assign themselves to a position on the spectrum close to Labour, but also over-whelmingly see themselves as closer to Labour than the Tories. On the other four issues examined, between 45 and 53 per cent of voters described themselves as "closest to Labour".

Mr Curtice said yesterday: "If elections are won by the policy positions of the parties, we can all go home now." Labour is seen as having moved away from support for higher taxes and public spending. Interviewees were asked in 1992 and again this year to give Labour er taxes and higher spending on health and social services, and 10 meant lower taxes and lowsince the last election. Labour's average score rose from 2.8 to 3.4, the Tories rose from 7.0 to 7.6, and the average score awarded by voters to themselves fell from 4.2 to 3.9.

On Europe, where zero meant "unite fully with the Eucloser to Labour's position on Europe than to the Tories. This summer, the study found 41 per cent of voters thought they were closest to Labour, and 31 moved from 5.2 to 4.7, while the Tories average score moved from 5.6 to 5.9. The average for data by Geoff Evans, of voters moved more sharply m Nuffield College, Oxford, sug-a sceptical direction, from 6.0

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Cold shoulder for French initiative

France appeared yesterday to have failed in its hid to muster a multinational force, with US backing, to intervene in the border region of eastern Zaire. A statement issued during the French-British summit in Bordeaux said only that the two countries had agreed to "co-ordinate their efforts closely, especially within the framework of the UN Security Council and the European Union to ensure that humanitarian aid was able to reach refugees in Zaire, but it made no mention of any military contingent or any immediate emergency operation.

The wording of the statement sug-gested that all further action would be referred to international organisations, and would therefore take time. French sources later conceded that France had "experienced difficulty in persuading other countries of direct intervention with a military element. Earlier, it had been made clear that France would not take any unilateral military action.

The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm

There is extreme urgency. These people have a right to international help and protection'

Rifkind, said later that Britain did not "rule out" a "military dimension" if this was required to ensure the provision of aid and food. He noted, vision of aid and food. He noted, however, that there were many questions still to be answered including:

The ICRC chicf said his agency and other relief organisations were and other relief organisations were What is the best way of ensuring that the suffering can be ameliorated ... does that require a military con-tribution from the international community? If it does, should the

He emphasised that a political solution "covering Rwanda, Burundi and that part of Zaire" was also required, but that this would take some time to work out and was primarily a matter for the countries of the region. "If the international community can help," he added, then it had an obligation to do so.

The joint French-British statement represented a setback for France, which had obtained the agreement of Spain to the dispatch of a multilateral military contingent to Zaire at the French-Spanish summit in Marseilles earlier this week.

All official British statements in recent days have stressed the complexity of the political situation in Zaire and the need to have the agreement of all countries in the region before action was taken involving troops. How difficult this could be to obtain became apparent yesterday, when Rwanda said it would ac-cept a "fully neutral" European and African force, but implied that French and Belgian participation would not be welcome.

France is currently sheltering President Mobutu of Zaire, who arrived from Switzerland at the beginning of the week and is now staying at his villa on the Riviera.

France also revenled yesterday that its invitation to the US to join a multinational effort had been met with a list of 30 questions that it wanted to be answered first. The French foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, said France had sent back "precise replies" on all points.

The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Cornelio Sommaruga, called yes-terday for Western military intervention to help aid agencies gain safe access to 1 million refugees in east

"There is no other option," he said after a news conference on the hu-manitarian crisis, when asked if he thought Western military intervention was needed. Mr Sommaruga appealed to the UN Security Council to take necessary measures urgentand said Chapter Seven of the UN charter, which authorises member states to use military force, was not

There is an extreme urgency. The victims cannot wait any longer. Time is passing." he said. "These people have a right to international assis-

ready to go into eastern Zaire if their basic security was assured. "We had to quit the region because of pillage, looting and chaos – not because of the conflict." he said.

Two leading Zairean opposition parties said yesterday they opposed foreign military intervention in the

east of the country to allow distrib-ution of aid to hundreds of thousands of refugees. The Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS) and Democratic Christian Social Party (PDSC)

said aid should be distributed in

Rwanda and Burundi, not Zaire. spokeswoman Justine M'Poyo Kasa-Vubu said the refugees - mainethnie Hutus who fled the two countries after bloody ethnic conflict



there—would be forced to return to their homelands if the aid was there. Voice of protest: Zairean students demonstrate at Kinshasa University. They later occupied the their homelands if the aid was there.

Killing returns to refugee camps

Outside military intervention looked certain to be needed to save 700,000 Rwandan refugees trapped by tight-ing in eastern Zaire as it became apparent that the 1994 Rwandan civil war has been resurrected on Zaire-

Zairean rebels - backed by Rwan-da's Tutsi-led government - are attacking Mugunga refugee camps, 10 kilometres outside Goma, the town taken by the rebels at the weekend. Their principal opponent appears

not to be Zairean troops but the Interahamwe, the militias which run the refugee camps set up for millions of Rwandan Hutus who fled their country after the genocide of 800,000 Tutsis in 1994. Fire was being re-

turned from the camps.
In the settling of old Rwandan scores, refugees are being used as hostages by the Interahamwe. The war raging on the outskirts of Goma has cut Mugunga off and aid work-ers were evacuated across the border to Rwanda when Goma fell.

What is happening in Mugunga is invisible to the outside world - journalists cannot reach the area - hut those fleeing the area report that the Interahamwe has surrounded the camp, now believed to be a centre for up to 500,000 refugees, many of whom have fled there from camps further north. More than 200,000 others are believed to be trapped by

fighting in the region.
Sergio Vierra de Mello, the assistant high commissioner for the UNHCR, said earlier this week that once agreements had been reached with the Zairean and Rwandan governments and the rebels, no exter-nal military force would be needed for safe provision of aid for the refugees. The emergence of the Interahamwe as a force strong enough and sufficiently armed to make a stand against the rebels almost certainly removes that option if aid is

to reach the refugees in time.
"A few days ago it looked as if the Interahamwe was not a specific threat but it now looks more likely that military intervention is needed." said a senior aid official. "Even if the rebels took the camp tomorrow there would be a continuing threat of Interahamwe ambushes and attacks." The French have offered to mount a military operation but it has been rejected by the Rwandan government hecause of past French support for the Rwandan Hutus.

Across the Zairean border in Gisenyi, Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for UNHCR yesterday repeated his warning that the international community must reach a decision about Interahamwe.

the crisis this week or watch hundreds of thousands die.

It would take a minimum of 14 days to launch a rescue. Even then hundreds if not thousands will have died of starvation, thirst and diseases like cholers. Children and the elderly will be the first victims. The UNHCR is ready to move with a plan which combines emergency food supplies with "safe corridors" through which refugees could return to Rwanda. So far that is what they have resolute-

ly refused to do.
Aid workers and the UNHCR were aware that the Interahamwe have taken control of the camps and was storing arms. It was clear that the Hutu social structures had survived the mass exodus and that the old leaders were still in place. The Interahamwe terrorised the

refugees. When they were uncon-vinced by warnings that Tulsis would murder them if they went home they were lynched as a warning to others. The militias are almost certainly using the same methods to keep trapped refugees under control. "When refugees try to leave to re-turn to Rwanda they were threatened

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scores, refugees are being used as hostages by the Interahamwe

with guns and grenades," said Mr Wilkinson. Angry criticism that the UNHCR continued to feed the Interahamwe in the camps he said that the commission asked the UN Security Council in 1994 to send an international police force to rid the camps of the militias but the request was turned down. Meanwhile conditions in Goma, the third major town in eastern

Zaire to be taken by the rebels, are rapidly deteriorating. Food is running dangerously short. Everyday crowds of local people fight in the squalid streets for UN supplies once in-tended for the refugee camps. Riots broke out yesterday when people raided UN supply stores

and they were fired upon and beaten up by rebel soldiers. ...

The UN food supplies will also run out soon and when they do the rebels will face the problem of controlling a desperate local population, which looted for days after the taking of the town, while continuing to fight the



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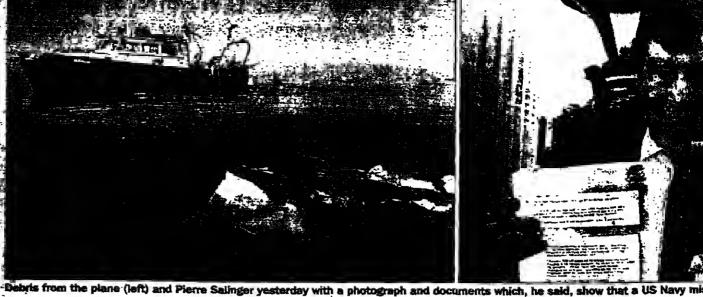
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It is a rumour that has been around for as long as the July crash of TWA 800 has been confounding investigators. Just when it seemed to be withering, along comes a well-known mouth and some interesting timing, and it is reignited.

The rumour is that the plane was shot down by a US Navy missile. The mouth belongs to

Pierre Salinger former spokesman for President Kennedy and until 1983 a reporter for ABC television. At a convention of airline executives in Cames on Thursday he said he had documents proving "friendly fire" was to blame. "The truth must come out," he said, brandishing two pieces of paper, allegedly written by an American but handed him by a

fire claim

resurfaces

French agent. The papers, which he has of-

describe how a Navy ship off Long Island fired a missile, believing no commercial traffic was flying below 21,000 feet, when in fact TWA 800 had reached only 13,000 feet.

Yesterday Mr Salinger said he received the papers five weeks ago but had been approached by "very important people"

very important people" asking him not to release them until after Thesday's presiden-tial election, for fear the dis-

closure would alter its course. "If the news came out that an American naval ship shot down that plane it could ... have an

effect on the election," he said.

The FBI denied the implied cover-up. James Kalistrom, the assistant director leading the in-quiry, said investigators "have absolutely not one shred of evidence that it happened or it could have happened". A White House statement said: "We have ruled out the responsibil-

ity of friendly fire." Of three sceoarios still being considered -a bomb detonated on board, a hit by a missile, or mechanical failure - it is the last that has

been gaining ground recently.

Attention has focused on the possibility that fumes in the plane's central fuel tank ignited and triggered an explosion. This week investigators disclosed that, with 95 per cent of the plane reassembled, there was no place in the fuselage

through which a metal rod could be passed and through which a missile might have

Mr Salinger may well be gennine in wanting to help resolve the investigation. But whether he knew it or not, he was also pushing at a series of open

Instantly receptive, for example, will have been his immediate audience. The airline industry would like nothing more than for evidence to sur-face absolving it of responsibility for the crash. A finding of mehighest levels. chanical failure would instant-

ly spell lawsuns. For the wider public, Mr Salinger might as well be offering chocolate to children. The fate of TWA 800 long ago attained unsolved-mystery status and, like all mysteries, it is a breeding-ground for conspir-acy theories. And they do not get much better than this one,

suggesting the killing of American citizens by their own goverament and a cover-up at the

But less excitable souls might ask the obvious questions; what motive could there be to try to smother so terrible an event? And could a cover-up have worked so effectively, with many agencies and the military involved in the investigation and every US news organisation

Clinton tees off with a new chief

Rupert Cornwell Washington

Bill Clinton yesterday named his longtime associate, golfing partper and confidant, Erskice Bowles, to replace Leon Panet-ta as his chief of staff - the most powerful position at the White House after that of the President himself.

Only after much pressure did Mr Clinton prevail on the second term.
51-year-old North Carolina But Mr Cli businessman to leave a new investment banking venture and return to the White House, where he was deputy chief of staff under Mr Panetta for

much of last year. . . . President used Mr Bowles for particularly delicate assign-ments, among them persuading Mr Clinton's former top polit-ical consultant, Dick Morris, to resign at once following the revelation of his affair with a

Washington prostitute. With the appointment of the popular Mr. Bowles, from the outset Mr Clintoo's preferred choice of successor to Mr Panetta, the Presideot has plugged the first of the holes that have opeced to his administration in the immediate wake of his elec-

Yesterday the Labour Sec-retary, Robert Reich, announced that he planned to step down, bringing the number of departing Cabinet members to

Apart from Mr Panetta, widely rumoured to be planning a run for the California gover-norship to 1998, other top White House aides expected to leave include Laura Tyson, Mr Clintoo's chief economic adviser, and Anthony Lake, the National Security Adviser.

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Though reshuffles by a reelected president are standard procedure, this will oeed to be more comprehensive than

Three factors are responsible: sheer exhaustion, the hure of far better-paying jobs in the private sector, and fear of being distracted by, or trapped in, the ethics investigations which may be a *leionotif* of this particular

But Mr Clinton has clearly learnt lessons since the chaotic transition after he first won the presidency in 1992.

This time, he is moving more quickly to rebuild the White House staff than his Cabinet, a Even after his return to the reversal from four years ago, private sector, however, the when his obsession with choosing a diverse administration that "looks like America" led to the hasty, last-minute assembling of a slipshod White House

The latter's blunders - that ranged from the travel-office scandal to the the FBI files fiasco - haunt President Clinton to this day.

This time, the key Cabinet appointments may wait sever-al weeks as Mr Clinton, in his own words, "casts a wide net".

Faced once again with a hos-tile Coogress, the President would like to appoint at least one Republican to a senior national security post, in the hope of fostering a less partisan re-lationship with Capitol Hill.

The most likely choices are Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, or outgoing Senator William Cohen of Maine.

Retired general Colin Pow-ell is a less likely contender, given Vice-President Al Gore's understandable reluctance to see a top job going to the man who could well be his most dangerous Republican opponent in the 2000 presidential race.

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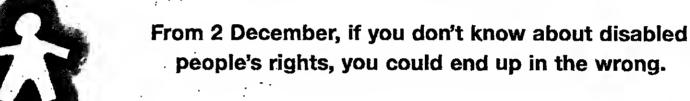
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Forty years on, Cuba's leader updates image with suits, CNN and a papal visit Slovenes look

Castro runs Pinochet out of town

Latin America Correspondent

It was a classic case of "this town ain't big enough for both of us". And who, but one man, could have driven Chilean strongman General Augusto Pinochet from his own town? Fidel Castro, that's who.

Gen Pinochet, former dictatnr and still armed forces commander, chose to leave Chile's capital, Santiago, this weekend to avoid meeting the Cuban leader during the Sixth Ibero-American Summit – attended by heads of state or government from Spain, Portugal and Latin American nations.

The General and Chilean air force chief Fernando Rojas, who would have had to greet Mr Castro with military honours. suddenly remembered a previous engagement - military exercises in northern Chile, which will last until Tuesday, the day the Cuban leader leaves.

Aged 70, and pushing four decades in power, el Comandante still has the power to infuriate and mesmerise. His pending arrival today is already the focus of the Santiago meeting, just as he is bound to steal the show in Rome next week at the World Food Summit of the UN Food and Agriculture Or-

Sometime during the 13-17 November Rome summit, he is helped topple communism in his native Poland. Diplomatic sources say Mr Castro will almost certainly invite the Pope to Cuba - the only Spanishspeaking Latin American country he has never visited - by the end of next summer. It is part of a new abertura (opening up) by Mr Castro in economics and religion, a trend which he has yet to follow in the political sec-

ty continues to reign supreme. At the Vatican, you can be sure it will be "el Presidente" Castro wbo calls on the Pope, not "el Jefe Maximo" (the renowned nlive fatigues will be cast aside for a respectful and diplomatic dark suit).

tor, where the Communist Par-

As part of his "New Man" image. Mr Castro took to wearing civilian suits last year during overseas trips. The military gear be retains for domestic consumption. Some believe he is at last trying to move with the times, to soften his traditional Marxism and give the world less reason to ostracise and isolate him. Others say be simply fears be will go down in history as a stuhborn dictator who left his country starving.
Mr Castro's latest diplomat-

ic offensive, likely to be hammered home in Santiago and in Rome, may specifically be aimed at keeping the rest of the world from backing US policy expected to have an historic au- on Cuba. A Bill Clinton cam-

ioin a "choir for democracy" in Cuba could pick up steam after Mr Clinton hinted he may delay or veto parts of the so-called Helms-Burton law criticised by Europe, Canada and others for affecting their trade.
US officials were delighted by

a speech by Sir Leon Brittan in New York on Thursday, in which he said "we believe very strongly that Europe and the United States should work together as soon as possible to nurture democracy, freedom and human rights" in Cuba, Mr Castro's latest concession

came on Thursday when his government announced it would allow the USTV network CNN to open a bureau in Havana. US media have been barred from being based in Cuha since shortly after the 1959 revolution, although the island authorities regularly allow American correspondents in

on temporary working visas. Ironically, CNN is so far unahle to accept Mr Castro's of-fer, Under US sanctions, American citizens cannot work in Cuba, and the TV network will have to await permission a tricky decision for President Bill Clinton while be is tightening the economic screws on

The controversial Helms-Burton law would allow American media to operate in Cuba hut on condition that Cuba dience in the Vatican with Pope paign to persuade Europe to run hy Cuban exile groups.



Batman: A suit-wearing Fidel Castro on a previous visit to New York Photograph: Reuter

to the West as polls open

War is a distant memory in Slovenia this weekend, as voters go to the polls in the country's second general elections since declaring independence from former Yugoslavia in 1991. While Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia and rump Yu-

goslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) have all experienced political violence or full-scale war in the last five years, Slove-nia has been fortunate enough to escape such convulsions since fighting a brief but bitter battle in June and July 1991 to evict the Serbian-led Yugoslav army. For the first time since 1918,

when Slovenia was incorporat-ed into the first of this century's three Yugoslav states, the little Alpine country of 2 million people has slipped free from its Balkan moorings. Slovenia now has every chance of joining the Western economic and security institutions - above all the European Union and Nato - to which it feels it belongs by virtue of its culture, geography and present high standards of democracy and civil rights.

The outgoing US Defense Secretary, William Perry, was full of praise when he visited Ljubljana last year, and compared Slovenia with other former Communist countries applying to join Nato. "Of all these countries, I believe that Slovenia has made perhaps the greatest progress in the transition to democracy, the transition to a market economy, and the smooth turnover of the military

to civilian control,"

election are the centre-left Liberal Democrats, who are the largest party in the coalition government, and an opposition alliance known as Slovenian Spring. This includes the People's Party, a rightist party with strong support among farmers. the conservative Christian Democrats and the centre-right Social Democrats.

The Liberal Democrat leader, Janez Drnovsek, who was president of Communist Yugoslavia in its dving years, has been Slovenia's prime minister since 1992. He has compaigned on a platform of completing Slovenia's integration into Europe and restructuring the

He argues that, if Slovenian Spring came to power, the three-party coalition would offer nothing but "experimentation and preoccupation with the past". This refers in part to the Christian Democrats' campaign promise to seek the restoration of land and property to the Roman Catholic church, which was dispossessed after the Com-

Indian

battles

The opposition contends that, despite economic growth of 3.5 per cent last year, the economy is not as healthy as Mr Drnovsek likes to suggest. Public spending has risen substantially as public sector strikes have forced higher wages, and annual inflation edged up last month to 9.7 per cent, well above the EU

Polls suggest the likeliest outcome is a qualified victory for would then need to forge a coalition with one or two of the

Beer pioneer sees profits on tap in sparkling Georgia



Candlelit trimmer: A Georgian hairdresser cutting her client's hair during nne of Tbilisi's regular blackouts yesterday Photograph:Reuter

is only 29 years old. But that is just the twenty-something age you need to make it in the bustling new atmo-sphere of peace and business in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia.

The youngest provincial governor of this Caucasus mountain country is now 26. The president of its most successful private company is 29. President Eduard Shevardnadze's, hottest heir-apparent, Parliamen-

tary Chairman Zurah Zhviad, is 32 And he is doing very nicely with an enterprising export: a microhrewery from Warrington. With its three tastefully exposed vats, he ferments a thick porter that used to win Camra prizes as "Blunderbus", hut has

been renamed "Black Panther". "Goes down well, doesn't it?" said

Tbilisi - Entrepreneur Nick Carratu Mr Carratu, offering a pint drawn from a bar in a courtyard garden just off Tbilisi's main boulevard.

The unique pub is not only for English fans coming to watch today's World Cup qualifier against Georgia. Locals are also soaking up the unusually tasty beer, which sells cheaper than the dominant imports of canned Turkish lager.

For Mr Carratu, his Georgian partners and a whole new generation of investors in everything from tea packaging to power stations, this is just the beginning. "The investment elimate here is fantastic," Mr Carratu said. "There are all the opportunities of Russia a few years ago hut without the competition and, for now, without the mafias."

However, not all foreign investors in Georgia are so upbeat, especial-

of paramilitary anarchy. Back then, pistol-toting mafia bosses fought battles through the lobby of Tbilisi's main hotel and gunmen raided foreign-owned wine bottlers, demandmg payoffs of 100 cases at a time.

Football fans arriving in Tblisi today will be able to sup locally-made English ale, reports Hugh Pope

Because of Georgia's old reputation - and the fact it has just five million people - hig investors are still rare. Many are waiting to see the symbolic vote of Western confidence: the start of work on a transbaijan. It is now almost certain to be completed in the next 18 months.

Georgia has attracted an idiosyncratic hunch of investors of the kind who have sought their fortunes all over eastern Europe this decade. Mr Carratu, for instance, was trained by the British army to speak Russian for

ly those who lived through the years work in Cold War Berlin. There is a even a few businessmen writing eformer German MP and television filmmaker who has turned travel agent with an ambition to travel every

one of the country's pot-holed roads. An American consortium including former US Secretary of State George Shultz is moving into the An enigmatic Swiss-Israeli concern

may have stumbled on to large reserves of natural gas.

The queen of the foreign investors is Betsy Haskell, a Washing-

ton political lobbyist invited to Georgia in 1991 and who never reagency and a guest house, whose 'rough deck' restaurant overlooking the flickering lights of the capital is the Rick's Bar of Georgia, attract-ing spies, diplomats, aid workers and

mail letters home to their families. "There are about 10 of us investors here now," Mrs Haskell said. "The

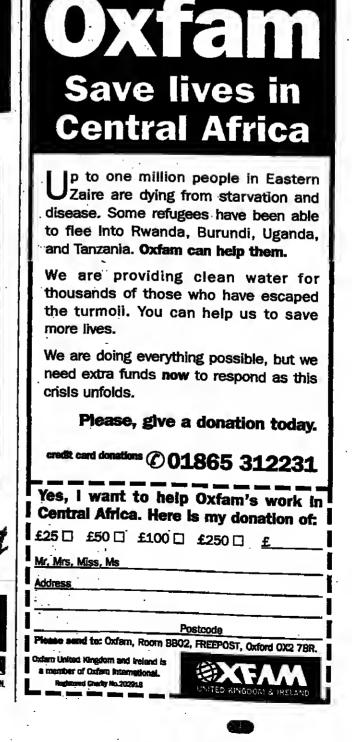
moment Shevardnadze got elected, \$10,000 apartments shot up to \$50,000. It's all booming. This place is really taking off. People really believe it is going to work." If Mr Carratu's experience is any

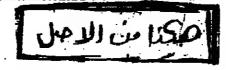
thing to go by Ms Haskell's bar should soon be filling up. He and his partners decided to invest in March running by July. "The main delays were manufacturing the brewery in ally left. Now she runs an estate England, and the biggest problems with corrupt officials was transporting through Turkey. Now our only problem is to sell as much beer as possible," he said.

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Imran Khan makes his pitch for power

Imran Khan, the Pakistani sports hero, is about to start a new game, one far more savage than cricket. After years of refusing to enter Pakistan's bruising politics, Mr Khan yesterday said he will stand for election to become the country's next prime minister.

His newly-formed Justice Movement party will contest the elections on 3 February for the National Assembly, though Mr Khan will have only the slimmest chance of winning. The vote is being called early, after the President, Farooq Leghari, on Tuesday dismissed Benazir Bhutto's government for suspected corruption.

"It's true I never wanted to

come into politics, but we feel it's time in protect the people from this corrupt mafia," Mr

cians only select people for government posts who are their relatives or sycophants." Mr Khan said he supported the removal of Ms Bintto. The country had to be "salvaged from sordid opportunism".

The cricket star is delaying after he removed from office. Throughout the start of his campaign until age been travelling doggedly the start of his campaign until age been travelling doggedly the start of his campaign until age been travelling doggedly across the country, holding after he remove from Britain where his wife. Jemma the start of much milionaire Sir James Goldsmith, is expecting a baby "at any moment." Mr Khan denied that having a for what of corruption". So far, his rallies have been sparsely attended, Most of his tion chances. "Westerners seem Mollowers are cricket-mad tion chances. "Westerners seem to find this very surprising, but my wife has been accepted easily here in Pakistan," he said.

Mr Khan launched his party last spring, when a bomb exploded in the lobby of his cancer charity hospital in Labore, killing several people and injuring many. He implied that Ms Bhittin's party times Muslim League of the former prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, that they might opt for Mr

However, rural Pakistan is still in the grip of feudal land-lords and tribal chieftains. It is they who can deliver thousands of votes, and without their support, without playing the game of influence-peddling, Mr Khan may end up with his reputation unstained but with only a few seats in parliament.

The country's new caretaker Prime Minister, Meraj Khalid, 80, is refusing to move into Ms sparsely attended, Most of his sollowers are cricket-mad youths, below the voting age. He has an image problem, too. Many Pakistanis see him as Bhntto's grand, official resi-dence, preferring to stay in his two-room bungalow. Pakistanis, honest and courageous but long accustomed to Ms Bhutto's style of Moghul hauteur, were naive. "I know my limitations. But I feel I'm better than the lot stunned to see a newspaper of them," he said yesterday. To his advantage, many Pakistanis are so disheartened with Ms photograph yesterday of Mr Khalid tottering his way to an economy-class seat on a flight Bhutto's Pakistan People's Par-



Going in to bat: Imran Khan with his wife, Jemima. He is delaying the launch of his electoral campaign until after the Photograph: Brendon Monks

Indian state battles to aid cyclone victims

Hyderabad - Indian authorities scrambled to launch rescue operations vesterday after as many as 1,000 people were feared killed by a cyclone that lashed the southern state of Andhra Pradesh. Communications and transport routes to the worst-affected areas were disrupted. Torrents have swept away bridges, while winds threw trees across highways and blew down

telephone lines. Police and troops hattled swiring flood waters to reach coastal villages; helicopters dropped food and drinking wa-ter to the stranded. V Chaudrababu Naidu, the state's Chief Minister, said after an aerlal survey that the death-toll

burial ground," he said. several thousand people were injured. The United News of Iadia said seven people had been admitted to hospital with symptoms similar to cholera, as health workers faced a possible epidemic.

The cyclone, with winds up to 110 mph, hit the coast nn Wednesday at the port of Kak-

people live in the Konaseema region around the Godavari delta south of Kakinada, which took the brunt of the storm, which moved inland before petering out. Two million people were affected by the disaster.

About 100 soldiers and eight doctors had fanned out in East Godavari to begin relief operations, an official said. Six helicopters were flying continuous trips to drop supplies to strand-

ed villagers.
Most fatalities were caused by flooding, house collapses or electrocution. Mr Naidu put a provisional estimate on losses in East Godavari, hit hardest by the cyclone, at 20bn rupees (£370m). Weather officials said the cyclone had fizzled out.

Reddy Subramaniam, a tax bowl of the state looks like a "2,500 livestock had been lost and 625,000 acres of rice pad-The cyclone destroyed houses, livestock and crops. The the official coordinating relief number of homes destroyed or damaged was put at 400,000; Kakinada, said 100,000 people were sheltering in 400 relief camps set up in East and West Godavari districts.

Andhra Pradesh's flat coastline makes it vulnerable to storms tearing in off the Bay of Bengal. In 1977, 10,000 people were killed by a cyclone that drove a tidal wave up to eight miles inland. A cyclone killed inada. Waves swept up to three
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120 people in June this year and
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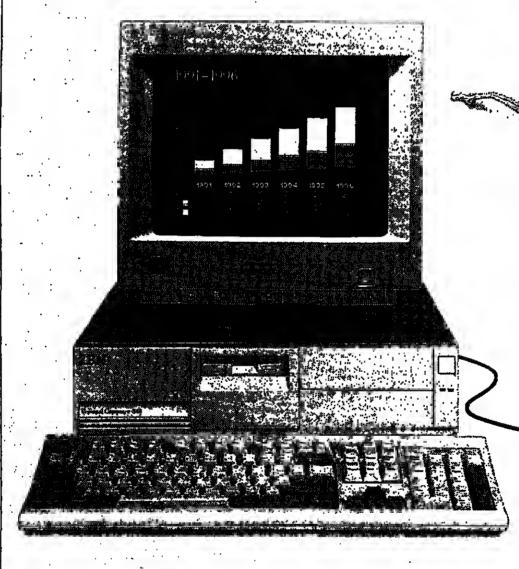
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Europhobes conjure up a demon Paddy

EU commissioner Padraig Flynn is the new bogey man of the right-wing press

tatherine Butler

he xenophobes in Britain's right-wing rewspapers have been pining for a prop-r hate figure in Brussels since the deparure of Jacques Delors, who in his heyday ould command the entire front page of The Sun. They may have found what they

ere looking for.
Padraig Flynn, the flamboyant figure harged with framing the EU's social poly, seems to be the man of the hour. For start, he is an outspoken critic of Britain's pt-out from the Maastricht Treaty's social rovisions. He is also one of the authors

imple-minded xenophobes, he best bit is: he's Irish.

Last month Mr Flynn was ubbed "the Brussels big-routh" by The Daily Mail afer calling for an end to the iritish opt-out. The Telegraph oked fun at his Irish accent nd turns of phrase when he unched an initiative to tamp out sexual harassment the workplace.

Yesterday Mr Flynn de- Attack: Padraig Flynn in ided to take The Daily Mail papers' sights o court following a vitriolic ersonal attack last week which branded

im incompetent, bigoted and tainted by orruption. It was an extraordinary tirade I racist abuse, which contained offensive predictable anti-Irish references to pigs, otatoes, priests and the IRA. The Daily fuil denounced Mr Flynn for his work in russels under the headline "This man omes from a world of farm subsidies and orruption. Now he wants to destroy Iritain's economic success".

The Daily Mail's writer asked how Mr lynn could understand the economics of ic free market. He comes from Castlebar the west of Ireland which we are told is

rural corruption". The people of Castlebar would no more apply the social chapter lo-cally than obey an extradition warrant for the handover of an IRA prisoner to the British the diatribe continues.

Mr Flynn's career as a senior government minister in Ireland is cited to highlight his alleged incompetence. "Nothing in his own poliocal background has prepared him for the responsibilities he now occupies."

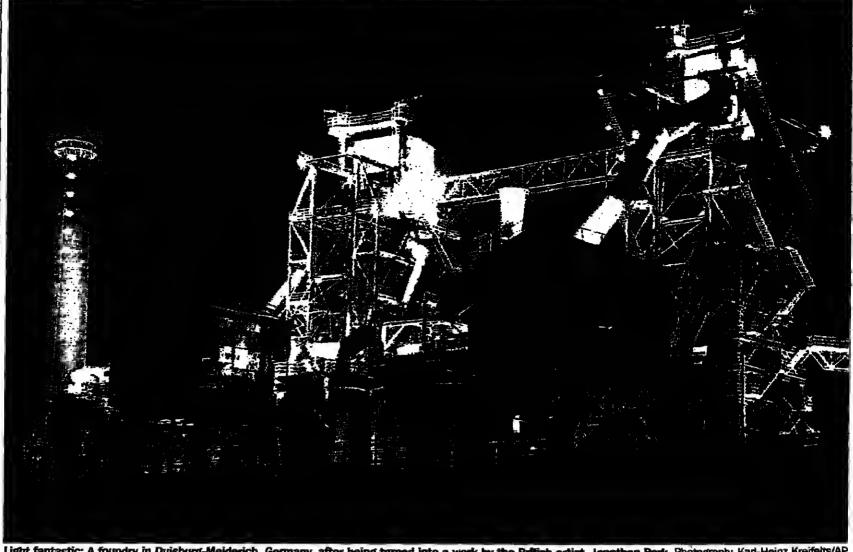
The only specific charges levelled at him by Daily Mail columnist Bruce Anderson, Flynn rejects. One is an allegation that he "suppressed" an internal report because it suggested that high rates of worker pro-tection might be to blame in countries which f the law setting a maximum 48-hour working week, one of the Government's per mes, and on which the Eupopean Court of Justice will opean Court of Justice will perform the set of the set of the law setting a maximum 48-hour working are unsuccessful at creating 1005. While the set of the set of the law setting a maximum 48-hour working the suppressed anything. The report will be published next week, although its conclusions will be toned down.

Mr Flynn's aides admit there is an ongoing debate in the Commission over the effects of regulation in the workplace. But to suggest there has been a cover-up of evidence is "laughable". The other charge - that he is trying to bring in a minimum wage - is dismissed as ill-informed nonsense. "The Commission has no powers to set wages," a spokesman said.

If he was distressed by the personal and bigoted nature of The Daily Mail's attack, Mr Flynn should be bracing himself for more. John Major is contemplating defeat in next week's ruling on the 48 hour maximum working week. If he loses, he has pledged an all-out cam-paign against social policy in the Inter-Gov-

ernmental Conference on EU reform. There is a campaign to demonise Mr Fly-nn and paint him as a regulator intent on dismantling British competitiveness ahead of the verdict. Irish officials in Brussels seem resigned to the racist backlash which seems part of

the latest wave of anti-Europe hysteria from London."They can't seem to cope with the an enclosed world of cattle markets, idea of policy for Britain being handled by irm subsidies and generally tolerated some Paddy," said one official.



Light fantastic: A foundry in Duisburg-Meiderich, Germany, after being turned into a work by the British artist, Jonathan Park Photograph: Karl-Heinz Kreifelts/AP

Major warning on 48-hour week

Mary Dejevsky Bordeaux

Treaty meaningless.

If the European Court rules that Britain must conform with laws imposing a max-imum 48-hour working week, it will work for a change in the Maastricht Treaty, John Major said yesterday in Bordeaux at the end of the 19th Franco-British summit, four days before the court gives its verdict.

He said it was wrong that the measure had been brought under health-and-safety provisions of the treaty, a case Britain has argued (without success) for several years. If Britain lost, he said, "the same treaty could be used to drive through other things that come under the Social Chapter', so rendering Britain's opt-out from the provisions of the Maastricht

Implying that Britain might consider holding the Intergoverumental Conference on European reform to ransom to get its way, Mr Major said Britain would "bring up the question" of changing the treaty in the ICG and would "expect our colleagues to respond".

President Jacques Chirac, asked for his views on Britain's predicament, appeared to sympathise with the difficulties it encountered with the European Court (and stressed the closeness of British and French views on the need to reform it) but he also made clear France's different approach to social and labour provision. He denied that adopting Britain's more flexible labour practices could help France reduce high un-employment. But France could well learn from Britain's more "rigorous management" of its economy.

Mr Major also cast doubt on the recent forecast from Brussels that as many as 12 countries could qualify to join a single European currency in 1999 and stressed again his concern that the Maastricht con-

vergence criteria should not be diluted.
He said he would be "very surprised if
there were anything like 12 countries
qualified" on the "strict interpretation" of

Mr Major was attending what will probably be his last French-British summit, assuming he loses the election. The proceedings in Bordeaux had a mostly relaxed and distinctly elegiac quality. Aside from an agreement on co-operation between the two countries' navies, there was precious little advance on hilateral or Eu-

Asked by a French reporter whether he

considered himself a "real European", Mr Major insisted that he did, but that this in-Major insisted that he did, bit that his included wanting to change policies that could damage Europe "in the short or long term". He went on: "Whether I'll prevail or not with my fellow Europeans, or with my colleagues in the party, I have my doubts."

Proceedings were punctuated by the announcement that Mr Chirac and Chancellor I'll the Chirac and Chancellor

Kohl of Germany would hold an 'unoffi-cial" meeting on 30 November at Périgueux, south-western France. The pre-text is a gastronomic-book fair, at which Mr Kohl and his wife, Hannelore, will promote the tome they have written. But the timing suggests further co-ordination of the Franco-German position before the European summit in Dublin. A regular Franco-German summit is due to be held in Germany in December.

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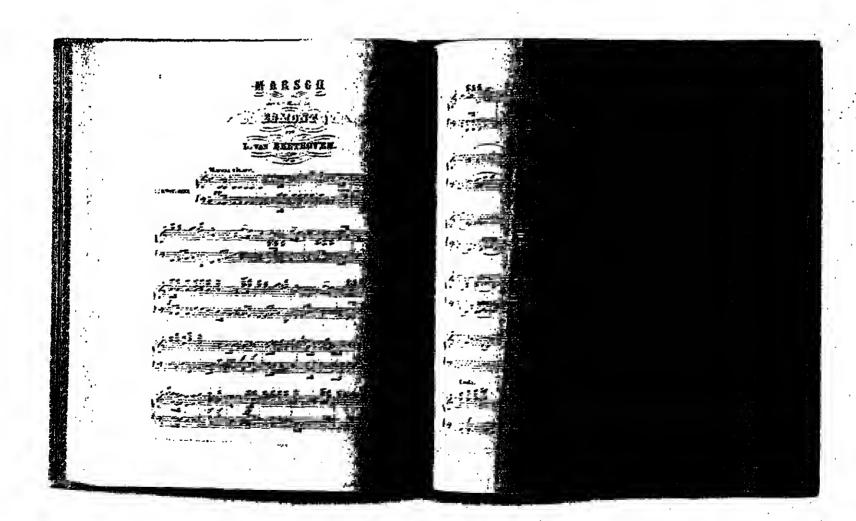
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So Tory Dair has a race problem and does not appeal to women. Bill Clinton, with his good hair, clearly does. Is life so simple and so cruel? Think on this as you turn these pages. We comb through the charms of Venice -laSerenissima. Will we ever be so beguiled by Croydon? Even with new bouffant, will it ever be la Croydonissima? More worryingly, we learn that our garden says much about our class - your plants may never hide your roots

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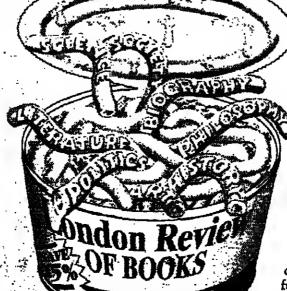
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Whatever happened to the New Zealand flatworm?

The moment: The invaders were first noticed on our sbores in early 1995: foreigners hell-bent on destruction. They would emerge at night, punch a hole in their prey and suck them dry, hefore returning to their hiding place. But this was no vampirish European Commissioner - a worse alien had arrived: Artioposthia triangulator, or the New

Zealand flatworm. Like shrivelled versions of creatures from Dune, they are pinker and slimier than their British cousins, and are surrounded by a cocoon of sticky mucus. They stretch out as long as 6in to 8in when squirming along. They are a formidable predator, devouring as many as 14 British earthworms in a week, but capable of going for a year without food by slowly absorbing their own tissue.

The background: They arrived piggyback on a seed from the Antipodes, were first discovered some 30 years ago in Belfast gardens, and were identified in London's Natural History Museum as a native of New Zealand's South Island heach forests. This small, ribbon-like creature almost certainly travelled half-way around the globe as a stowaway in the soil of pot plants.

The effect: National panic. There were sightings from Carlisle to Christchurch and there was only one topic of conversation: how could the British, hrandishing pitch fork and sharpened spade, rid themselves of the Antipodean interloper? There were warlike rallying cries to protect the fine, upstanding British worm - the cornerstone of this country's ecological system and vital to the survival of plants and soil life - from the Kiwi cannibals who were blamed for waterlogged soil, dying trees and the national deht. Questions were asked in the highest chambers of the land: in the House of Lords, Lord Carter said the flatworms "go round in gangs and jump on earthworms". Earl Howe, a junior agricultural minister, reported that the official advice from the Central Science Laboratory to anyone encountering a New Zealand flatworm was: "to tread on it or pour something hot or salty on top of it".

Moments of subsequence: Government instructions to stamp on the flatworm were unsuccessful - as Lord Aberdare asked. "Are you sure it's effective to stamp on a worm that's already flat?"

Though they may have squirmed out of the public lime-light, they have certainly not disappeared from gardens. A few months after the initial media obsession with the

killer worms, a second species has appeared in southern Britain - a smaller, less harmful variant. This was followed more recently by the discovery in Scotland of two more varieties of flatworm not before seen in this country.

The flatworm seems to have almost no predators, hut preliminary research in Edinburgh now suggests that a so-

far-unidentified heetle may eat the invader. "What we really need is funding for a post-graduate to do a thesis." says Dr Cosens. "That would revolutionise our under-

heavenly chaos, where astrologers thrive

rmistice Day next week finds several countries still mired in devastating civil wars. There is something particularly horrifying

about a nation turned

violently upon itself. As with Afghans, Kurds and Rwandans, the dislocation felt in mid-17th century England had as much to do with the world being turned upside down as it did with the fact of fighting on home soil. As the touchstones of daily life disintegrated, with neighbours and even families finding themselves on opposing sides, people

sword's point. The heavenly sphere was thought to serve as a giant hillboard on which the Creator signalled

he lavatory is quiet

compared with the

riot outside, where

300 of London's liggers

are consuming free drink

while ignoring a panicking

Brand Manager as he tries

to make himself heard

except that there's no

put in ladies' loos, It's

impossible to sit four-

quare on the seat.

else shh-clunks in.

voice. "Allo."

Fashion Week."

over the PA system. My

cubicle is a comfort zone,

space for those hins they

The outer door opens.

bellowing wafts in, then it

pair of platforms appears

hefore my door, it rattles,

"Ohh," says a little

then they retreat. Someone

"Allo," replies another,

Models. You don't even

equally high, equally slow on the syllable, "I haven't

seen you since London

swings to, Shh-clunk. A

astrologers were at

turned to irregular sources for guidance. Yet even the

intentions to his creatures - if they knew how to decode the messages. This is where the astrologers came in. Phenomena such as comets and eclipses provided some assurance that God was still in his heaven, even if all was wrong with the world.

During the English Civil War the best selling political propaganda was written by astrologers, who conducted a pamphiet war in parallel with the military camps of roundhead and cavalier. Surprisingly, the most gifted astrologers sided with Cromwell. This could be put down to far-sighted prophetic ability on their part, but the truth is, they were staunch Puritan and republican supporters.
Only one loyal astrologer.

George Wharton,

accompanied the King to

need to see them to know

reedy, low-energy, sparing with the pronunciation lest

they move their faces and

get wrinkles. In the world

of the mannequin you

don't say "model": too

much lip movement. No,

you say "mudd-aww", the

first syllable high-pitched,

the second dying away. As in "Um ur muddaw. What do you do?"

the front of my door.

white patent clogs. "How

Yes. I've been really

are you? Much work?"

husy. I did a shoot for a

"Oh. They don't pay

very well, do they?"
Not really. But it's

good exposure. Patsy

Kensit started in teen

"I've had a catalogue,

magazines. You?"

and I did a stand in

The platforms return to

it. It's all in the voice:



Oxford, issuing royalist pamphicts from a portable press as they marched.

that either Crowwell or the King believed in recognised its propaganda time that Parliament's chief astrological propagandist, William Lilly, was worth several

published a pamphlet based on a map of the heavens for the time the royalists began their march from Oxford, Lilly quickly used the same starry paradigm for a feat of astrological virtuosity. Recruiting the timehonoured emblem of the sun to symbolise the King, and insisting that all heavenly portents augured his defeat, Lilly's pamphlet appeared on the very day the decisive Battle of Naseby was fought. Thus are spin doctors born.

Later in the Civil War, the 1648 siege of Colchester provided a dramatic astrological scenario. Inside the besieged royalist garrison, the astrologer John Humphrey was frantically assuring the town's

would soon save the day. To counter this and boost the attacking soldiers' morale, Lilly and another astrologer sympathetic to the Parliament were sent for. They assured the general and troops that the lown would soon be surrendered, "as indeed it was," noted Lilly. All wars generale

prophets, whether poets, oreign office experts. spies, historians, arms dealers or soothsayers. Amid the chaos we grasp at anything that promises to bring order.

The current exhibition of Rubens' landscapes nt the National Gallery shows his ecstatic response to the peaceful, sunny countryside of Flanders, liberated after many years of war. Would that such a regal sun flood the world on the next Armistice Day.

in addition

he New Fowler's Modern English
Usage", which has been published this
week by OUP, isn't really Fowler's at all, but Robert Burchfield's. For the first time since Fowler's classic appeared in 1926. OUP have commissioned a complete re-write and who better to do it than Robert Burchfield, whose carlier Supplement to the OED and Dictionary of English Enmology have established him as a worthy guardian of the mother

tongue, even if he is a New Zealander. This new book, however, closely follows several other new guides to good English. We have therefore decided to test drive the new Fowler (FMEU)
alongside Chambers Guide to Grammar.
and Usage (CGGU), Longman's Guide to
English Usage (LGEU) and Martin Cutts'
The Plain English Guide (TPEG), also

The table below gives their rulings on six items of linguistic dispute.

FMEU LGEU CGGU TPEG to boldly split final preposition protagonist inter-imply miniscule (sic) ongoing situation

(approve. X disapprove. = equivocal. - no opinion stated)

The Plain English Guide is the most liberal, as might be expected in a work designed to help readers write clearly, eschewing obfuscation, pleonasm and catachresis. But it almost encourages us to split infinitives and end sentences with prepositions, simply because it's not wrong to do so. In the new Fowler, Burchfield says: "Avoid splitting infinitives whenever, possible, but do not suffer undue remorse if a split infinitive is unavoidable." He also discourages, without condemning, prepositions to end sentences with.

Burchfield/Fowler is understanding of people who knew nothing of the nature of Greek drama" in his acceptance of the use of "protagonist" in mean "proponent", though he detects a "whiff of pleon;sm" in the phrase "chief promagonist". The Longman Guide says that if you use the word to mean the main character in a Greek drama, you'll probably be misunderstood, so you should "have the courage" to use it to mean "supporter", Chambers, meanwhile, are happy for you to have the courage to misspell "minuscule" even though this could

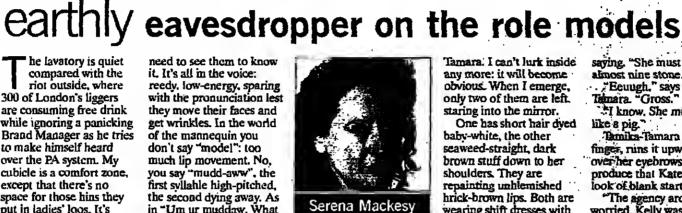
lead the language into a crisis situation. Compared with the liberalism of other grammars, Burchfield's enlightened pedantry is a sheer joy to read and consult. Buy it.

William Hartston



There is no evidence astrology, hut both value. It was said at the

regiments. When Wharton : governor that relief troops



Birmingham, A computer

accompanied by a pair of teen magazine last week."

> with my agency."
> Model Two identifies herself as something like

Tamara. I can't lurk inside any more: it will become obvious. When I emerge, only two of them are left. staring into the mirror. One has short hair dyed baby-white, the other scaweed-straight, dark brown stuff down to her shoulders. They are repainting unhlemished hrick-brown lips. Both are

company."
"Which one?"

"I don't remember." A crackle of nylon, and the loo next to me flushes. A third set of clunks walks into the main pool. Squeaks of recognition.
"Allo!" "Oh, hi. How are
you?" "This is Kim. She's

Marika or Tamika or

wearing shift dresses with

two of them into one of me. I, of course, am glamorous in a black jersey dress that hasn't

been the same since I forgot to change out of it for one of those 2am

paint-stripping jobs.

Model One is talking as she makes up, top lip absolutely still, the bottom one doing the enunciation. - far too fat," she is

bootlace straps. Their

shoulders protrude as if

they've been trussed for

Christmas. You could fit

"Eeuugh." says Tamika-Temara. "Gross." *I know. She must eat like 8 pig." Tamika-Tamara licks her finger, runs it upwards over her eyebrows to produce that Kate Moss

saying. "She must weigh

almost nine stone."

look of blank startlement. "The agency are really worried. Kelly was saying they're thinking about dropping her.'

I realise that I haven't exhaled for a full minute, so great is the effort of sucking in my cheekbones. They clomp towards the party. "She's going to be m real trouble," says Model One. "Well," says Tamika-Tamara, "She'll only have herself to hlame." A gust of alcohol-fuelled yelling, and the door bangs to. With hlissful relief, I release my strangulated hreath.









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General Situation and 5-Day Ontlook:

A depression just northeast of Scotland will move away to

Today, the whole of Scotland will get a mix of sunshine

them to the north. Northern Ireland will get some surshine,

but also showers and a gusty northwest wind. England and

Wales is going to get a mix of sunshine and showers with a cool northwest wind. However, southern England will get

Sunday promises some sunshine, but with showery rain

spreading into the far south and the far northwest later.

off to a cloudy start with some showery rain.

and showers with a strong northwest wind. Many of the showers are going to he wintry as well, with the worst of

country by Monday.

the east. A major depression will develop to the west of the

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Monday will then see windy weather everywhere with showers or spells of rain. And little change is expected for Tuesday with plenty of showers while many places get some longer spells of rain. Also, as strong northerly winds hecome established, it is going to turn colder. And the cold windy weather will then persist into the second half of the week with plenty of ball, sleet and snow showers.

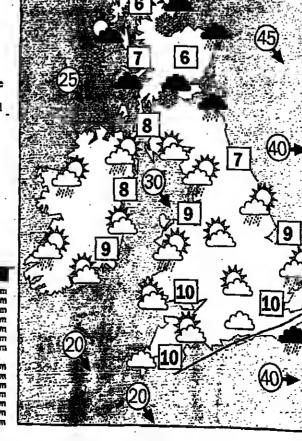
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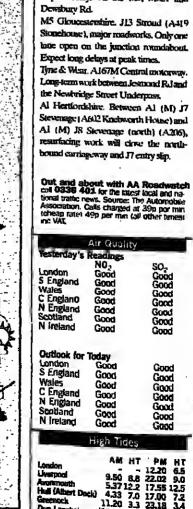
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Jude Kelly's production helps the audience to stomach Terrence McNally's sugar-sweet play of two women searching for their souls. By Jeffrey Wainwright



Allow, accept, be: Eleanor Bron (Katharine) and Prunella Scales (Margaret) play with wit and tact

Photograph: Jason Slee / Guzelian

t is easy to fancy Katharine and Margaret taking the train from Connecticut, lunching at Jackie Mason's and taking in a Broadway matinee that reminds them of the books they read in college a play such as this one, in which they appear, Terrence McNally's A Perfect Gunesh. They would not, however, be fiattered. The satire they could take, but the play soft-soaps and comforts its andience to the point of insult.

We meet Katharine (Eleanor Bron) and Margaret (Prunella Scales) as they check in for their Indian vacation. McNally's undoubted craft characterises the two within seconds: Margaret pursed and suspicious, aiming to see India "from a comfortable seat somewhat at a distance"; Katharine disorganised and gushing with wonder - "O for a muse of fire!"

McNally seeks what Margaret would call "resonance" by making a Chorus out of the Hindu god Ganesh, a god of appetite and trickery with an elephant's head and a huge stomach, played with great

resource by Paul Bhattacharjee. Ganesh explains to us that he is everywhere, "in your cancer", "in the ant on the way to your potato salad", and in nicer places, too. He is happy, cheerful, the god of

Ganesh is evidently meant to represent and honour India and so swivel the play out of a western perspective. That he is uniquitous is, of course, ightily convenient, for McNally can have the benefit of his novelty and make him sound like a cabaret MC. An ingenious device, Ganesh nevertheless serves to validate an action in which India is really only projected in terms of Margaret and Katharine's read "our" - problems.

Both have come to India for their souls. At first the play raises a sceptical eyebrow at this, but as it follows the familiar pattern of unweiling the heartache beneath the Burberrys - both have lost sons, both harbour guilts and repressions, both have a future portion of pain awaiting – the quest is accomplished.

The climax comes as Margaret confronts the leper To 7 Dec. Booking: 0113-244 2111

whose reaching hand she thinks says "love me", and tries to fulfil a childhood dream in which she would kiss a lener's face. She has to realise she cannot, and gives him 50 rupees instead, Ganesh, whose mantra "allow, accept, be", tells us, "she worried about her soul; he had the best meal of his life". Such "realism" is, of course, just what we want to hear, and to be reassured that we have our miseries, too. Thus are Margaret and Katharine healed and can love. "Come on!" as they say in the loge.

Remarkahly, however, Jude Kelly's production manages in slip this sugar down without nur noticing too much. Prunella Scales and Eleanor Bron play with wit, tact and enough understatement to keep our toes straight. The design by Ruhin Don, with excellent lighting by Jon Linstrum and sound by Mic Pool, is wonderfully atmospheric with a beautiful economy of means. Nevertheless, like Katharine's "perfect Ganesh" collectable, this is

Postcards from Oz



(BBC2, Sun), an attempt to explain What we can tell about Americans from the things they have made", is made by an Australian. One of the things you can tell about Australians from what they have made is that they bate Australia. The finest Australian minds have nn ivals when it comes to making their excuses and

emigrating. Our view of Australians has been coloured by their hustling media presence. Basically, in their high-falutin intellectual way, they have confirmed what we always knew about Australians: they're loud (Germaine Greer), they're ahrasive (Robert Hughes), and they don't take anything seriously (Clive James). See your way past all the books they've read, and written, and you can tell they grew up in earshot of the same reference points as the grotesques of Sylvania Waters. This reductive view of Australian culture goes right to the top. In Neighbours -Tenth Anniversary Special (BBC1, Mnn), a BBC xecutive explained that they bought the soap because films like Picnic at Hanging Rock

It's almost surreal that of all the eminent Australians only Richie Benaud, clipped. diplomatic, unsmirking. contravenes the stereotype. Hughes has been taking

Australian programming".

In his magnificent tour of American creativity, the critic swivels his eyes towards camera with his head turned in quarter profile, as the cricketer does when giving his unimpeachable verdict on the day's play. The pose is carefully chosen for the delivery of opinions which would sound too arrogant if fired off face on. It helps Hughes that he is physically in the bruiserweight division. If the stock intellectual figure remains someone you could knock over with a feather, this one could punch your lights out, Instead, he knocks you out with criticism that smacks of pectorals and hiceps, preened to a smooth faultlessness like something

For his first American vision. Hughes observed the Republic's attempt to create its architecture on the Athenian model. His presence was sorely missed down in Canberra, where Billy Connolly was stumbling in his own wee way to an understanding of the Australian capital. He spluttered the name of Albert Speer, as tourists do when confronted by triumphalist urban design. Parked statuesquely in front of a bust of Lincoln, Hughes invoked the same name. He explained how Speer hankered to

harness television's potential

for propaganda. If technology

had allowed. Speer could

have thrust the image of

Hitler into every German

home hut, like Lincoln's spin

off Bondi Beach.

doctors, had to make do with lionising him in marble.
Billy Connolly's World Tour of Australia (BBCI, Mon) is a perfect illustration of that potential for image projection. Television, the "had established an interest in laboratory of modern celebrity, will nowadays only allow its own creations to front peak-time programmes. No matter that Connolly knows no more about Australian history than

anyone who has read the

Rough Guide, he got the job.

His series documents Australia in unenlightening exclamations. It was "hrilliant!" on top of Sydney harbour bridge, "fantastie!" at the summit of the Opera House, "crap!" in Canberra. And it was "shite!" with a comedian as guide.

Clive James's Postcard from the Melbourne Cup (ITV, Mon) was superficially more satisfying, because James comes hame before he writes his jokes. But the two students of Australia are cut from much the same cloth. They both hit the road on a motorbike, buying into the cliche of free-spiritedness so central to the Australian myth. Like Connolly in Canberra, James was a fureigner in Melbourne reeling from the tedium of the place. "The pace of life is a casual walk." he said over a shot of him casually walking. "The dream of peace is still alive here." This is Jamesian for "when's

the next plane home?". Maybe it was just Melbourne that drew his sting, but his relish for being nice to people on camera only to shaft them on the sniceover is on the wane. He even got a part in Neighbours, a programme which as a critic he'd have flaved alive. (Connolly did hetter: on-stage in Sydney, he said he was surprised at Kylie Minogue's size; then, imagining they were joined at the groin, he span her tiny frame round like a Catherine wheel.)

With James transformed into a koala, you found deeper signs of subversion on Neighbours' own birthday celebration. Compiling all the deaths and marriages from the show's first decade. the editing had a subtle dig at the rhythm method of storyboarding in soaps. The actress who played Daphne explained how she died. "hut that was great too because it brought her character full circle", You may recognise the steal from King Lear: "The sheila's come full eircle."

CLASSICAL MUSIC

King Olaf: BBC Philharmonic / Donald Hunt, Victoria Hall, Hanley

for the title of Elgar's annus mirabilis - the year in which his oratorio The Light of Life (Lux Christi) and the dramatic cantanta Scenes from the Saga of King Olaf hoth saw the light of day within a few months of each other.

Donald Hunt's recent performance at the Worcester Three Choirs Festival of the former (with the RLPO), his swansong as festival director, was memorahly convincing; and it was Hunt who was again at the helm (this time of the BBC Philharmonic) for the centenary revival of King Olaf, given at the Victoria Hall, Hanley, last Saturday, almost exactly 100 years to the day after the 39-year-old Elgar unleashed it at the North Staffordshire Triennial Music Festival.

Besides suiting a penchant (à la

"he year 1896 is a prime contender Christianity over pagan darkness gave Elgar an apt metaphor, perhaps, for the kind of breakthrough he was striving after in his own artistic life. It's a courageous and, for its day, mouldbreaking work, in whose leitmotivie choral writing The Dream of Geronrife and within a year Jaeger at Nov-

ello's was Elgar's publisher.

Adapted from Longfellow, King Olaf is by no means problem-free. Planned nrchestral links got infuriathalf - a David-and-Goliath tussle Grieg or Wagner) for Germanic- odyssey of lightly connected Circean overwhelmed by an orchestral tidal wave. Elsewhere, from the npening's

nebulous, lyrical second part that gained an unexpected cogency here, the partly to Hunt's easing of the tempi, and especially to the soprano Susan Chilcott, resplendent on high invention, solo and (substantial) notes, who brought to this lightly characterised medley for anti-heroine just tius is clearly foreshadowed. And it the assurance and the shaping of opened doors. Performances became Elgar's stately, extended lines that we so hankered after elsewhere.

Earlier, the tenor Arthur Davies (for whom the role of Olaf might have been tailor-made) seemed oddly tired, tense and undramatic: only "Behold ingly axed at publishers' insistence. me, my people" took wing, ntherwise One focal encounter sustains the first Olaf remained unprojected and ill at ease (but then, even Edward Lloyd at the 1896 premiere famously missed an between the pagan Ironheard (nne rather warms to him) and the opportunistically monotheistic upstart Olaf.

Then things rather peter out in a loose the 1896 premiere famously missed an entry). Alan Opie, chilling over raspy cellos at the stort and an appealing narrator later on, was periodically wave. Elsewhere, from the npening's

Paradoxically, it was this rather dark, Apostles-like mutterings of bass clarinet, the BBC Phil, not least in the lush middle-strings close harmony that opens Part 2, responded sympathetically to this unfamiliar score.

Besides Wedgwood and Stanley Matthews, the five towns' pride and joy is the splendidly named (and attired) Ceramic City Choir. If some of the gutsier chnruses just lacked the demonism they deserved, the eerier hallads' contrapuntal vigour (for all the non-reverberant acoustic) came across well; some interspersed gems nf Elgarian partsong were impeccably phrased: and the sheer inspiration that led him to mesh a Parsiful-tinged apotheosis with the melting song "As Torrents in Summer' could scarcely bave been better highlighted. Had Geronius never emerged, we would treasure King Olaf. We should relish it all the same.

Roderic Dunnett | innumerable dinner-parties.

Virginity? No stigma

Sheffield's king of the

Anyway, John Shuttleworth,

Yamaha organ, now stands in

a similar relation to Eamon,

Following an article by Paul

Sunday Times, complaining

in advance of the profanity of Michael Redmand's comedy

Older Brother of Jesus.

Donovan in last week's



theology student nace tald me that the Paraelete – an alternative title for the Holy Ghost - can be defined as the presence of Christ's absence. a piece of information with which I have since wowed

- which works on the premise that the Huly Family were Irish immigrants to Palestine
- James Boyle, Radio 4's new controller, decided to pull the series and put on repeats of *The Shuttleworths* instead. Among other things, Donovan cited jnkes about Jesus's halo - the actual line was that it kept Eamon awake at night - and an

> Virgin Mary "Who's that? 1 wouldn't give her nne," to which Eamon replies. "Nnbody ever has, in fact." What's interesting about both these jokes is that they rely on the assumption of Christ's divinity and Mary's virginity - hence the mystery, never explained, that Eamon is Jesus's older brother (that point clearly went over the head of one newspaper this week, which referred to the programme as Earnon,

inger Brother of Christ).

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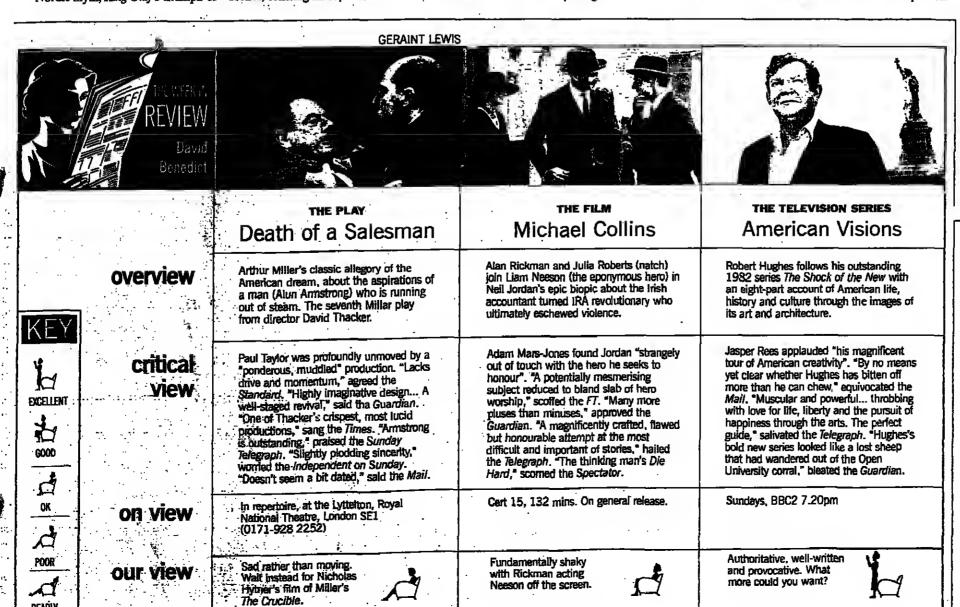
exchange in which a Roman

centurion "sneered" at the

soldier expressing sexual distaste for Mary, whose attractiveness to men is not. nne would have thought, an article of am body's faith. The joke here is about the way men talk about women, and the peculiar doublethink that allows many of them to pray to a Virgin while treating other women with contempt. In any case, if we're not going to have Roman soldiers displaying irreverence towards the Holy Family, does that mean we are going to condemn programmes that show them dning stuff like, oh, I don't know, beating up Jesus and putting a crown of thorns on his head?

The basic point should be clear: to use religion as material for a joke is not the same as failing to take it seriously - and that's true even when the jokes involve sex and swearing (Eamon was, after all, being hroadcast way after any conceivable watershed in the Late Night Opening slot).

Still, Paul Donovan's feelings aren't the real issue. The issue is James Boyle's reaction, which looks like either pathetic timidity and over-sensitivity in newspapers, or ill-judged authoritarianism. Either way, it doesn't sound like the Radin 4 we know and love.



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Hairybacks and white kaffirs

Christopher Hope cheers a lexicographical milestone

A Dictionary of South African English: on Historical Principles edited by Penny Silva, Oxford, £85

kaffir". I proudly confess to being both and I am happy to find them listed in the monumental new Dictionary of South African English. Even if the good book cautions against their use for the offence they may cause.

Never mind. This is a wonderful achievement, an occasion for trumpers and conferti. At long last, speakers of South African English have been given a work of reference commensurate with the rich, irreverent vigour of their language. It's been a long time coming. A quarter of a century in the making, some 5000 entries and a joy from first to last.

From now on, not only will others understand us a little more easily; but here is proof that South African English may be read, savoured and, even more surprisingly, understood. So if I write: "The kugel left the Greek and jumped the robot", the foreign reader need only consult the dictionary to see that I'm talking not Yiddish, science fiction or even sexual perversion. I'm reporting that "a young, spoilt, wealthy (Jewish) woman...preoccupied with frivolities" drove away from the corner shop and failed to stop at the traffic lights.

As to the question of giving offence, nothing the commendable editors of the dictionary may say, is likely to discourage South Africans from insulting one another when the occasion demands. Nor should it. Because your outrage may be my pleasure. It was always so. Only when the dictionary ventures into cautionary matters does it flounder.

Take the time honoured insults addressed to Afrikaners: the popular "hairyback"; or the more inventive "rocknairyoack"; or the more inventive "rock-spider". No good, says the dictionary. Yet equally popular gibes at the English – rocinek (redneck) or soutpiel (saltprick) – rate only the dodgy health warning "often derogatory". Often? Mostly, surely, or why bother?

And sometimes the same word may have entirely opposite effects. Black rad- enough of the language police in South

have been called a "native" of South
Africa. And I've been called a "white police officers or soldiers or farmers, as

Africa. an insult. But when used among Afrikaners about themselves, the editors insist, it

is an "affectionate and humorous name". In fact - not here canvassed - the word is also favoured by the neo-fascist white, right wing Afrikaners for whom it has mystical overtones of purification and lost

Then there is the word no one talks about but a lot of people use: "Kaffir". A form, derived innocently enough (except that it was probably coined by slave traders) from the Arabic kafir, meaning unbeliever. The k-word receives by far the longest entry in the dictionary (eight pages) and is deemed "offensive in all senses and combinations".

And yes, often it is. But outside the cities, you travel in the platteland (rural or country districts) you will find it in the mouths of almost every farmer you meet, used with calculated venom or unabashed affection. I do not know which is worse.

But then, again, it is impossible to understand the often poisonous relations between hlack and white during the past three cen-turies without familiarising oneself with the term and its remarkable variants.

I think such words might be liberated far more effectively by taking them out of the mouths of those to whom the sole right to use them has now been ceded: the coalition of bitterenders (diehards), religious crazies and messianic Boers who constitute the grumbling opposition to democracy by giving them back to those they set out to

Happily, when it comes to laying down the law as to what is and is not correct: the editors of the dictionary, have done, as Fowler did in the vexed matter of the hypben, and chosen to wallow in the general confusion. They show themselves to be far more interested in recording and celebrating the varieties of South African English than deciding who should have their mouths washed out. Such mildness is admirable and wise. We have had

And they are still rising high. Recently, the new government, following the example of apartheid, decided to enforce laws against "hate speech". Like their predecessors, this will do little to stop the hate and much to curtail free expression.

There is always a great gaseous cloud of rhetoric floating about easy talk of freedom of speech, and essential liberties in the new South Africa. The country remains the capital of cant and the home of humbug. The number of official languages has risen from two (Afrikaans and English) to eleven. It is called "indigeni-English) to eleven. It is called "indigeni-sation", an ugly word for an empty notion. The idea is tu emphasise languages unjustly neglected in the past. Zulu, say, which boasts more speakers than any other language. But the policy is likely to enhance the appeal of English, the one language unconnected to party or tribe. Afrikagns is now under threat Hardly

Afrikaans is now under threat. Hardly surprising that the tongue of the masters does not appeal to their former servants. It is scant consolation, perhaps, hut a cross-section of the taal, ranging from racial epithets like kaffirboetie (little hrother of hlack people) to amatory jokes: opsitkers (courting candle) and bellicose political war cries like baaskap (bosshood) as well as many of its choice vulgarities like the memorahle bosbefok (driven crazy by busb warfare) remains embedded in South African English. Odd to think that were Afrikaans to disappear tomorrow, a good deal would survive in the dictionary of the old enemy.

Oddness does not end there. One of the pleasures of this compulsively readable work is to discover that all sorts of people, encouraged to hate and detest each other, have been borrowing bits of each other's languages for centuries. South African English, true to its mongrel traditions, bas simply stolen more thoroughly than any of the others. And that's why it will always offend one party or another.

For a long time, merely being an English speaker in South Africa was politically incorrect. The language itself was seen as



Poisonous relations: three girls oblivious to apartheid, photographed in 1950s Cape Town

it does not yet appear in the dictionary and remembering what is and is not offensive, I will translate my coinage as "an unnaturally fraternal feeling for peo-

ple of African origin".
To the seditious popularity of English, the former regime responded by banning English books, newspapers, attacking English churches and universities with ritual enthusiasm. This was regarded as perfectly fair. Yet whenever English speakers objected to living in a racial zoo designed to protect the mythical purity of Afrikaner nationalists, they were accused by their masters of giving way to Boerchaat (hatred of the Boers).

seditious, inclining its speakers towards what I'll call "kaffirboetiedom" And since police. Words and their meanings were crucial. The leaders of the rolling tribal conp which ran South Africa did not just take over the radio stations, they captured the dictionaries. Words were to mean what Ministers decided them to mean. Shoddy linguistic goods designed to disguise local lunacy. When the state intended to disenfranchise most of its citizens it declared them "independent". When it planned to murder them it formed the "Civil Co-operation Bureau".

It's good to have recorded here our very own idiot lingo: "parallel development",
"separate freedoms" and "National
Christian Education". All as empty of For a long time we were governed by Soviet era, right up there with "Interna- along the way.

tionalism" and "Enemy of the people". I'd like to report that those days are gone. In fact the new broadcasting services seem as anxious as ever to reflect and promote government policy. And obediently spray audiences with news as cloudy as soporitie gas, designed to pacify or confuse. A poem of mine, celebrating the agonies and fatuities of right wing bigotry was banned recently by the new SABC, just as once it had been banned by the old, a quarter of a century befure. I claim a kind of record: the first writer

to have work banned under both regimes. South Africa has a way to go before people resist the urge to check their rifles when politicians talk of freedom. This meaning as the great sham lexicon of the essential book takes us several steps

The Blair facts about Dickens and politics

Who would get the Great Inimitable's vote in a 1997 General Election? John Sutherland thinks New Labour has it

Dickens's Journalism Volume II, The Amusements of the People and Other Papers: Reports, Essays and Reviews 1834-51 edited by Michael Slater, Dent, £25

hy should I write for pos-terity", asked Oscar Wilde.
That has posterity ever scholars might retort, looking at the library shelves. But of all the Vicern British schulars whose hrilliance is partnered with the willingness to suppress ego that edi-torial labour demands. Pre-eminent in this group are Kathleen Tillotson, K. J. Fielding. Philip Collins and Michael Slater, who is now half-way through his four-volume collection of Dickens's journalism. Had he never penned a word of

what has posterity ever journalists. Indeed, we might pay done for me?" Quite a lot. Wilde more attention to this facet of his genius were it not obscured by bis fame as a novelist. But journalism torians, the writer who has been is the most ephemeral of the literbest served by posterity is Charles ary arts. Even the best newspaper Dickens. His literary remains have writing loses its force and relevance been curated with the reverence within weeks. Wisely, Slater bas not normally reserved for sacred relics. attempted a complete reprinting -Dickens has been particularly for- although he offers in his appendices tunate in attracting a corps of mod- an up-to-date checklist of all Dickens's hitherto identified periodical writing. Since 19th-century journalism was routinely anonymous this, in itself, is a valuable resource for Dickensian scholars. Among its many attractions, this collection is impeccably edited and discreetly but amply annotated.

This second volume covers the period from Dickens's first sub-

Morning Chronicle in 1834 to his first editorial essays for his own weekly, Household Words, in 1851. There is also a good selection from Dickens's fiery contributions to the Examiner in the late 1840s, many of which have only recently come to

Slater has been careful to include some of the familiar plums - "On Duty with Inspector Field", for instance, which reflects Dickens's fascination with "thief-takers" and lays the ground for the Inspector Bucket sub-plot in Bleak House. But the value of Slater's enterprise is that unlike previous selections it offers a chronological record of the fluidities in Dickens's thinking on current affairs over 17 intellectually formative years. The journalist who emerges in the early 1850s is opin-

missions as a staff reporter on the ionated, and sometimes pig- cide, or transporting children for beaded, but on most matters wonderfuity sensible.

one who does so will, I think, know and society has made them so. Dickens (Dickens 1834-51, tbat is) much better than before. So much so that one can play the game of wondering who would 3e, the Great Inimitable's vote in the forthcoming 1997 General Election. Is he a Blairite or a Majorite? One Reform Association. It's a fair can ignore the early pieces for the Morning Chronicle which are, to editorial order, rabidly anti-Tory. In the 1840s, Dickens emerges as something of a swing voter. On law and order, he is undeniably soft on some criminals, but hard on all the causes of crime. The spectacle of farms" (childcare centres for the judges sending starving single mothers to the gallows for infanti-

theft, regularly rouses him to furies of sarcasm. Why do the decent poor This is a book less to consult than turn to criminal ways? - because to read through consecutively. Any- they are ignorant and desperate

> There is little on political sleaze in the articles here, although much to come in 1855 when – following e corruption revealed by the Crimean War - Dickens becomes the hammer of the Administrative guess that Boz would not be writing pieces in Household Words supporting Neil Hamilton. On social welfare he is radical. The most ferocious pieces in the collection are those attacking the parsimony of workhouses and laissez-faire "baby poor) such as that at Tooting in 1848, where 150 children died of

cholera. An unexpected piece in he defended by "any honest man". March 1851 about the barbarous treatment of cattle in London's Smithfield slaughter-houses suggests that Dickens might have some sympathy for the Animal Rights Movement. The Liberal-Democrats could be in with a chance.

On the other hand, Charles Dickens in the 1840s is definitely anti-Europe - a continent which he sees as both tyrannic and revolutionary and best kept away from. For the same Europhobic reason he despises "the well-meaning men who would disarm England", Michael Portillo's "Don't mess with us" would find an answering ecbo from Dickens. He dislikes the Catholic Irish and would be staunchly pro-Union. Dickens bates strikes - particularly railway strikes, They are "unpatriotic" and cannot

He would bash the unions as gleefully as any Chingford skinhead. Increasingly, as he approaches mid-dle-age, there is a streak in Dickens which helieves that prison works. Not, that is, the Molly-coddling "model prisons" such as that set up at Pentonville in 1842 about which he writes a scathing piece ("Pet Prisoners") in 1850. Dickens believes, with Michael Howard, in the sharp shock - and for hardened criminals the shock should be very short, no longer than a body takes

to drop ten feet. My guess is that Dickens would. after much soul-searching, probahly go for Blair - if only because New Labour will be friendlier to the homeless outside his house in Doughty Street. But it's nicely

On the trail with Salman, Tristram and Pete Lachlan Mackinnon relishes an 18th century classic in post-modernist guise

The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman by Martin Rowson, Picador, £15.99

his is Martin Rowson's second graphic work based on a preceding literary text. His first. The Waste Land (1990), turned T.S. Eliot's poem into a film noir strip cartoon with dialogue in the style of Raymond Chandler. The last picture within the text shows a hust of Eliot on a scrapheap of cultural detritus: on the spine of a hook are the letters "Piranes", and it is in a Piranesian cellar that we find ourselves at the start of Rowson's Tristrum Shandy, as though released from the hard exteriors of a poem he dislikes into the inner space of a

That sense of inner space proves to he misleading, though. The arches and vaults are in fact the inside of Walter Shandy's testicles, and he is about the husiness of begetting Tristram. Tristram leads his companions, including James loyce, out of his mother's vagina as the act concludes.

novel he adores.

Laurence Sterne's 18th-century novel parodies the association of novel, and much in Rowson's treatideas which John Locke had seen as structuring consciousness. Walter monthly, on the night he winds the family clock. In Rowson's version, Mrs Shandy has a gleeful thought of the clock opening its case like a flasher to reveal weights and penis to remind us how relentlessly physical the novel is.

More extraordinary, though, is the way in which Rowson's pictorial imagination takes off from Steme's seemingly artless style. Sterne punctuates largely with dashes, suggesting the flickering feel of his narrator's mind. The novel digresses, offers self-exculpatory diagrams of its progress, has one black and one marbled page.

Shandy and his wife have sex march on relentlessly through Rowson's version, seemingly oblivious of the several accidents they undergo. But Tristram's is not the only band of travellers across the work's surface. The cartoonist himself and his dulum metamorphosed into male genitals. One of Rowson's triumphs journey, commenting on what they talking dog Pete make the same see and at times appearing in the same frame as the hero. This new level of narration adds a contemporary angle, as do the portrayals of living people. The servant Oba-diah, for instance, is modelled on Ben Pimlott: someone remarkably like Salman Rushdie drops the hot chestnut which falls into the lap of Phutatorius, seemingly the Books Editor of this paper.

From the moment Tristram leads and contains seemingly endless par-odic documents. In one sense, it is bedroom onto a blank space,

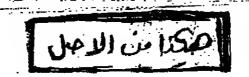
easy to see it as the prototypical anti-novel, and much in Rowson's treat-ment supports that view. though, to end unding on the back of Locke with mself riding a hohby-horse, we are that this book's primary achievement is pictorial. A gallery of oid masters, ranging from Rowlandson and Constable to George Grosz, is echoed. Where Sterne shifts between kinds of literary voice, Rowson shifts between pictorial eyes. This book becomes a magnificent tribute to it. original, perhaps the most extracrdinary work in the history of illustrations to Sterne and a work in its

own right.
But Sterne's novel was also a work of deep feeling which Rowson does less to convey. The amours of Uncle Toby and the Widow Wadman are at one level the subject of smut, as Rowson shows, but at another they are profoundly touching, which is not evident here. In the end, we leave Rowson's imaginative space to reopen the covers which contain a larger one.



Low humour: Phutatorius falls foul of a hot chestnut





The book meant to

Candide (1759)by Voltaire

Plot: Voltaire's philosophical tale is also a miniaturised picaresque novel. Candide is a naive lad living in Westphalia, Pangloss, a disciple of Liebniz, teaches him that all things are part of God's beautiful design. Candide is thrown out of his country haven for fancying Cunegunde, the owner's daughter. Foreibly enlisted in the Bulgarian army, Candide is almost killed. He is depressed to learn from Pangloss that Cunegonde is dead. They go to Lisbon and witness an earthquake. Pangloss is hanged at a celebratory unio-du fc. Cunegonde turns up. She has become a sex toy. Candide kills her loyers. The pair escape to South America but are again separated. Candide visits Eldorado, before returning to Europe with Martin, a gloomy inversion of Pangloss, who believes the world is ruled by the devil. Eventually Candide is reunited with a dishgured Cunegonde and with Pangloss who survived hanging to remain as jolly as ever. They all retire to a rural retreat where Pangloss continues to praise the "best of all possible worlds." Candide replies: "we must cultivate our garden."

Theme: A satire on systems of thought which are not fuunded on experience. Voltaire also despises the notion of a God who could dispense suffering for the sake of some higher good. Conversely, humanity's irrational resilience is celebrated.

Style: A model of clarity. The use of euphemism paradoxically exposes the horrors of the real world.

Chief strengths: An analysis of the unreasonable desire to rationalise suffering. Characters are nearly killed. permanently cripoled, forced to witness unspeakable horrors, yet bounce back with insanc clasticity.

Chief weaknesses: When Voltaire gets hold of a joke he is unwilling to let go.

What they thought of it then: Topped the 18th century hestseller lists with 20 pirated editions coming out in 1759, together with English and Italian translations,

What we think of it now: Admired in France because it reflects the qualities the French most admire in themselves: lightness of touch coupled with philosophical profundity.

Responsible for: Waugh's Decline and Fall which similarly pits a naive optimist against a hostile world.

Gavin Griffiths



The books

Brush up on your Conrad, fashionable classic author. with a reading of The Secret Agent (HarperCollins, 3hrs. £7.99), his tale of revolutionary terrorism inspired by the bombing of Greenwich Observatory in 1894. Joss Ackland's voice is

years in the Indian Imperial Police in Burma in the 1930s. His Burmese Days (Penguin. 3hrs, £7.99) tells how a corrupt Burmese magistrate manipulates the snobby Brits into betraying an Indian doctur's misplaced confidence in the hunour of the Raj. Tim Piggot-Smith is splendidly pukka sahib.

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A musical magic circle

Sarah Bradford reads the life of an Edwardian Lady with a taste for scandal

Violet: The Life and Loves of Violet Gordon Woodhouse by Jessica Douglas-Home, Harvill, £20

ven today a woman who lived openly and in style with a harem of four men, three of them younger than herself, would be considered out of the ordinary. But then Violet Gordon Woodhouse, the subject of this biography, was an extraordinary woman to whom normal rules (in her view at least) did not apply. In her eyes and those of her friends, her unique artistry on the harpsi-chord and clavichord, coupled with an alluring and dominating personality, entirely justified what to Edwardian soci-

ety was an uniquely scandalous way of life. Violet was undoubtedly an enchantress, both in her magical musical powers and her ability to enslave men and women, hushands, lovers, servants, friends. At the time people attributed this to her exotic Indonesian ancestry; her maternal grandfather married the granddaughter of a Sumatran ranee. Violet was exceptionally graceful, small, slim and dark, with brown eyes and jet-black hair (which later in life she dyed an astonishing steely blue). There was, however, nothing exotic about her father's family. The Gwynnes owned an engineering company, Gwynne & Co, based on their invention of the centrifugal pump. James Gwynne (Violet's father) married her mother, May Purvis, against ferocious family opposition undoubtedly based on suspicions about her mixed blood. He was a stubborn, practical man: among his wedding presents to his delicate, romantic bride who was suspected of being tubercular, was the prosaic gift of a respirator.

James Gwynne's ascent to the squirearchy mirrored the rise of the middle classes from trade to landowning typical of the Victorian age. He bought two East Sussex manors, Folkington Place and Wootton, steadily acquiring land from neighbouring aristocrats until by the end of his life it could be said that "the hunt could run all day without ever leaving she realised that marriage was her only Squire Gwynne's boundaries." At Folk- route to independence and self-fulfilment, ington there were Canalettos on the walls and a fine library, hothouses, and stables for 20 horses. James was a tyrannical and unsympathetic husband and father in the kindness, loyal devotion and an income Victorian mode. Violet was the only one of his seven children never to suffer from his black moods and fits of temper; she could beguile her father into giving her marriage was to he platonic and he almost anything she wanted. She was the accepted it. She was already an object of family star, always the centre of attention. her musical genius recognised from the age of seven. By the time she was 20 she was moving in musical circles and occasionally



Violet: orchestrating her affairs at Southover Manor with husband Gordon (left) and Bill Barrington, her lover

playing in public. She longed to be allowed to play professionally but this her father would never allow; despite her horror. when told the facts of life by her mother,

When she was 23, she set her sights on Gordon Woodhouse, in whom she detected the qualities she needed in a husband large enough to support her. Gordon was shy and not very interested in women. Violet made it clear from the start that their how far her relationships went in this direc-

Gordon gave Violet lifeling devotion on her own terms, not even seeming to mind when she fell in love with the Hon William Barrington, heir to an Oxfordshire estate, and he with her. Gordon accepted his wife's

obsession with Barrington; by 1901 they were living in a contented ménage à troi at Southover, a household financed and run by Gordon, while Violet concentrated on her music and her role as goddess of the shrine and Bill developed his talent for garden design. It was not long before it became a ménage à cinq as two more Vioaccepted it. She was already an object of let worshippers, the rich, witty Max desire for lesbians, although it is not clear Labouchère, and, later, the Hon Denis Tollemache joined the circle. Hovering in

let's real "husband".

Violet's exotic life-style is given added poignancy by being described through the eyes of her plain spinster sister, Dorothy, who cherished an unrequited tendresse for Gordon. "Bobo" as she called Violet, remained to her an object of wonderment as, with exquisite selfishness and absolute single-mindedness, she created her own image, including her taste for unusual and expensive clothes and objects, and developed her musical talent.

On a typical day in London, she would spend the morning practising then sally forth to Fortnum and Mason, accompanied by her "tail" of four adorers who would compete with each other to buy her pretion; she was undoubtedly a flirt and the wings would be Violet's female ador- sents. Music was at the centre of her life, encouraged adoration in both men and ers. It was tacity accepted that Bill was Vio- she was friends with Delius, Sir Thomas

(who of course fell in love with her), Dolmetsch. Diaghilev. She gave Sunday concerts at her house in London, where, among others, the young Osbert Sitwell, Siegfried Sassoup and Wilfred Owen were transfixed by her performances. World War One broke up the magic cir-

Beecham, the composer. Ethel Smyth

cle; Denis was captured. Max killed and Bill sent to the Middle East. A combination of the war and Violet's extravagance had such a severe effect on Gordon's finances that Violet was forced to play for money; in her late 40s she was at the zenith of her abilities and much in demand. Delius wrote of her that she was "a real artist - who plays the harpsichord most beautifully and plays us all the lovely English music of the 15th and 16th centuries - also Bach and Scarlatti." In the post-war years her skills reached new heights, touching even the unmusical, like Roger Fry. During World War Two she developed an intense relationship with Sacheverell Sitwell who encouraged her in a late-flowering passion for Domenico Scarlatti.

Jessica Douglas-Home has a real gift for the evocation of the spirit of place, particularly in the chapters on Violet's post-war life with Gordon, Bill and Denis at Nether Lypiatt in Gloucestershire, their home from 1923 to the end of their lives. Her descriptions of the house and surrounding countryside come alive, as do the Arts and Crafts eircles in Gloucestershire, the "Artists of the Golden Valley" patronised by Violet. Gordon Woodhouse having been cut out of his mother's will because of her disapproval of Violet's ménage, Violet had her usual stroke of luck when the butler murdered Gordon's sisters and their inheritance passed to him. She could now afford every luxury; visitors to Nether Lypiatt were struck by the wonderful food orchestrated by Gordon, the beauty of the garden created by Bill, and the sight of Violet's two Pekingese being taken for a drive in her chauffcur-driven Daimler, Jessica Douglas-Home brilliantly illuminates Violet's life and the intricacies of her friendships while never losing sight of the impor-

tance to her of her music. Violet was a monster but nonetheless a life-enhancer and a performance artist of real importance. With skilful use of letters and diaries and painstaking research. Douglas-Home has contrived an entrancing portrait of this unusual woman which will enchant even those who are uninterested

Neil desperandum at the court of King Rupert

Andreas Whittam Smith ponders the point of a vainglorious memoir

Full Disclosure by Andrew Neil, Macmillan, £20

has it

ndrew Neil has written an account of his eleven years as Heditor of the Sunday Times from 1983 in order to prove something. He wants us to know that he did a fine joh and he wishes us to understand the malign reasons which led Rupert Murdoch to ease him out. For my part, I boped to discover the mainspring of Neil's character. Why did he produce news pages which were animated by hate? The editor and his team seemed to detest many of the people and institutions about whom the Sunday Times wrote and wanted to persuade the readers to loathe them too. And why is a man with so many achievements to his name so vainglorious? He claims to be more impressed by deeds than words, and yet he feels compelled to write a 470-page justification of

Neil thinks there is a diseased establishment in power. At grammar school in Paisley and university the Conservative Research at Glasgow he developed a dislike the Conservative Research at Glasgow he developed a dislike the Conservative Research at Glasgow he developed a dislike the conservative Research at Glasgow he developed a dislike the conservative Research at Glasgow he developed a dislike the conservative Research the Stablishment's front door. Politics, he believes characterises the Establishment (which he sometimes calls than a means of rising in the world. lishment seemed to be presiding doch picks him to be editor of the over decline and thus offended the Sanday Times at the age of 34. This patriotism my parents had instilled is the primrose path. while people like himself have long arrived at the "Court of the Sun dominated the two ancient English King". Neil gives the best account universities. In his view, the meritocracy had made great gains but itarian states, of what it is like to was being driven back by High work in a situation in which all Tories and a left-wing chattering class. Yet you can agree with all this without burning with hatred.

about his parents (plain, decent folk), about his brother (who was tolerant and enjoyed their father's good nature) and about his upbringing (a happy, uncompli-cated childhood). There seems



Neit: removed because he became too famous?

English and sometimes British). He soon goes to the Economist, Lazy and complacent, the Estab. from where, ten years later, Mur-

in me." He lumps together the pub. But it had led him to a destinalic school system and Oxbridge, not tinn even more disagreeable than seeing that the former is in retreat the Establishment; for he has power is held by a single person. Strong-willed, successful, first generation entrepreneurs often behave By contrast Neil writes sweetly as dictators. The advantages are quick decision-making, daring strategies and a permanent state of high alert. It is also cruel, heartless,

himiliating and draining of the personalities of those involved. As Neil puts it, you are not a nothing in his early days to explain director or manager or an editor: the figures for circulation, paging affair with Pamela Bordes in the dark side of his character. Nor you are a countier – rewarded with

money and status by a grateful King as long as you serve his purpose, dismissed outright or demoted to a remote corner of the empire when you have ceased to themselves soon become worse than His Majesty. He is brutal with more unpleasant to their undera "harsh, unforgiving editor". Nor is there any trust between courtiers; they will always ditch a colleague to understood that this was how Murdoch's media empire worked. Neil has provided compelling detail.

please him or outlived your usefulness. He may intervene in matters great or small. He is constantly on your mind. "I wonder how the King is today" is the first question a good courtier asks himself when he wakes up. However the courtiers them; they are, if anything, even lings. Neil admits that he himself was quick to penalise failure and slow to praise success; he became obtain the King's favour. I had

to a rehashing of old Sunday Times campaigns and stories. This serves to jog the memory rather than to provide fresh insights. It comes across as boastful, and lacking in nuance. Newspapers are said to write the first rough draft of history; Neil just gives us the same, uncorrected versions again. Finally, we come to the point of the book. Neil was removed, he argues, because he was becoming

easily made. But we are also treated

too famous. He says he was warned early in 1994: "Rupert resents you becoming a public figure in your own right". Murdoch, he believed, bridled every time word reached him in America that Neil had been on radio or television. The courtier was becoming too powerful, too independent. This was the true reason, Neil argues: Murdoch felt he was losing control of the Sunday Tones.

I do not buy this story. Neil had begun to present the early morning news show on a London talk station. The owner of the Sunday Times had every right to resent this and believe that it was a diversion of his editor's creative energy. Moreover, newspaper owners generally welcome the sort of fame that came Neil's way as a result of having to defend and explain the newspaper on television and radio and he interviewed on the big issues of the day. It is seen as free, prime time publicity; indeed nowadays journalists who cannot handle this side of the job are unlikely to hecome editors. It is hard to believe that Murdoch has a different view.

However it scarcely matters that Full Disclosure fails to convince in the way Neil wishes. Leaving aside the occasional repetition which indicates undue baste in writing and editing, the book is very readable The next stage in this autobiographical project is to prove how good the Surday Times was during our hero's period as editor. With affair with Pamela Bordes is hean-

Cry Mother, if you will...

D J Taylor on nuns and honeymoons

Ripples of Dissent: Women's Stories of Marriage from the 1890s edited by Bridget Bennett, Dent, £25

ficial flowerings of the 1980s fin de siècle we tend to forget the existence of another kind of late-19th century ferment: agitation over the role of women. Although it is difficult to think of a time in the past 150 years when English society wasn't exercised by this absorbing topic, Bridget Bennett's lead-in to her aptly-titled collection has no trouble in demonstrating that in the 1890s it reached boiling point. Mainstream literature of the period is full of idiosyncratic. deracioated female figures, whether "New Women" like Hardy's Sue Bridehead, rebelling against conventional social arrangements, or the "superfluous female" of the Victorian census return who provided George Gissing with the theme for his grim novel, *The Odd Women*.

Ripples of Dissent assembles a variety of ferminine magazine stories on the woman - specifically marriage - question, chosen equally from English and American sources. While they range from the outwardly conventional to the indisputably prophetic, nearly all of them manage to call into question one or other of the 19th century's sexual orthodoxics. Most ominous of all, perhaps, is the note of resentment levelled by younger women at the elders who hetrayed them - the heroine of George Egerton's "Virgin Soil", for example, who comes back to reproach the mother who encouraged her to marry a brute coupled with a desire to escape the horrors of the average late-Victorian honeymoon, Janey, in Margaret Oliphant's "A Story of a Wedding Tour", travelling with her ghastly husband, simply gives him the slip

and takes refuge in a French village. Not everything here is as explicit as the recriminations of Egerton's Flo ("Cry. Mother, if you will: you don't know how much you have to cry for"). Yet even the quieter contributions are directed at the notion of independence: Mary Wilkins Freeman's "A New England Nun".

n our excitement over the arti- for instance, in which a woman whose engagement has lasted for the 14 years of her fiance's absences abroad, rejects the man on his return merely as a means of pre-serving her settled and agreeable existence. Interestingly, the boundaries being extended here are mostly those of subject matter rather than treatment - and no doubt the moral ukases of the contemporary maga-zine market still prohibited anything

like a realistic discussion of sex. Inevitably, one or two of the 31 stories don't really fit into the subversive category chosen by their compiler: Violet Jacob's "Prudence and Colonel Dormer" is just an cogaging account of a young woman being helped to meet the right man, while E Nesbit's "John Charrington's Wedding" is a gruesome story in which - as far as one can make out - the girl marries her bridegroom two hours after the latter's death in a carriage acci-

You wonder too, about the wisdom (literary, that is - it makes perfect sense commercially) of including some of the American material. given the profound differences in social conditions and outlook. Tommy in Willa Cather's "Tommy the Unsentimental", is less a toenage feminist rebelling against her place in society. than a specimen of the "tomboy", a

staple of early American fiction. Individual gems stand out. In particular, "Suggestion" by Ada Leverson is a revelation: six or seven pages of glittering chatter placed in the mouth of a decadent young teenage boy husy rearranging the love lives of members of his family in an atmosphere of cheery amorality, and a kind of pontoon bridge linking the '90s twilight with the proto-modernism of Ronald Firbank. Elegantly produced and edited, and with excellent biographical notes, Ripples of Dissent fails only at the price hurdle. But whatever the merits of charging £25 for a hardback that involved no

copyright payments to authors, this is a paperback worth waiting for.

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the shouting

Harry Pearson looks back on the cricket World Cup

n 31st January 1996 a suicide hombing in Colombo killed over 80 people. Meanwhile in Lahore the local authorities were brightening up their city by placing thousands of gaily coloured papier mache mushrooms along roadside verges. In Delbi Rupert Murdoch's men were locked in a protracted hattle for satellite TV rights. Over in Calcutta the Peerless Hotel offered a special cricket menu featuring "Malik's Fishy Bribe^{*}.

Somehow in the midst of all this violence, high finance, scandal and surreal hype a major cricket compedition managed to get played. The winners, joyfully, were the Sri Lunkans in whose war-torn country the beaten finalists, Australia had steadfastly refused to play. Shane Warne. the Sri Lankan Foreign Minister had opined of the Australians' star bowler, is a

The 1996 World Cup in all its mad, multi-sponsored splendour is the subject of a pair of illuminating and entertaining books. Robert Winder's Hell For Leather and War Minus The Shooting by Mike Margusee. It is a measure of the breadth of the tournament and the very different approaches of the authors that there is remarkably little overlap between the two. Marqusee. an American socialist who developed a passion for the game when visiting India in the 1970s tries to "find out about cricket and what it meant to particular people in particular places", with the added proviso of avoiding watching England at all

costs, sensible chap. Winder, as a cricket writer for this newspaper, was, on the other band, following the team which Sunil Gavaskar would, with cruel accuracy, cbaracterise as "the competition's sacrificial goats", and understandably therefore, takes as his main theme the parlous state of the English game.

Mike Marqusee has a detailed knowledge of the and War Minus The Shooting (Heinemann, £12.99) - the title comes from George Orwell's jaundiced comment on the nature of international sport - serves as a useful and eyeopening primer. The book attempts to place the World Cup within its social framework while at the same time highlighting the way its financial power served to bolster the cause of economic globalisation. It is an aim which might have set lesser writers down a path towards carnestness, but Marqusee's keen ear for the absurder aspects of corporate-speak (after the horror of the Colombo bombing an official from World Bank was moved to comment: "We hope Sri Lanka will come through this ditficult period by adopting correct financial policies"). his zest for cricket and his ohvious love for the

countries through which he is travelling ensure that this is a journey which is educational but never dull.

Reports on matches are interspersed with wide ranging chats and interviews with everyone from schoolchildren to high officials. Best of all is a meeting with the venerable Pakistani cricket commentator, Omar Kureishi, who tells the author: "Only two things really hind this country (Pakistan) together. One is war and the other is cricket". It is to be hoped that, if nothing else, War Minus The Shooting will serve finally to disavow anyone still innocent (or indeed cynical) enough to espouse the view that sport has nothing to do with politics.

Unlike Marqusee, Robert Winder was experiencing sub-continental cricket for the first time. Where War Minus The Shooting ricochets off events at various unexpected angles, Hell For Leather: A Modern Cricket Journey (Gollancz, £17.99) tends to meet cricket with the centre of the bat and is none the worse for it.

Winder spends much of the early part of the competition with the England team and provides a vivid account of their unsteady progress through a string of disastrous performances and diplomatic gaffs. The author is broadly sympathetic to the players, commenting, acutely and accurately, that years of playing cricket has left them institutionalised by the

But along with empathy there is wry humour too. particularly when England's cricket supremo, Ray Illingworth, hoves into view with his matchless mix of bluffness, bafflement and buck-passing - "That was Mike's decision" seems to be his catchphrase. The account of the shambolic opening ceremony and it's aftermath - organiser Gianfranco Lunetta should, wrote one Indian newspaper, "be tied with a rope and detained in Calcutta" - is a comic gem.

That something bas gone seriously wrong with English cricket is undeniable. The poor state of our national summer game is perhaps best summed up in Winder's account of a meeting before the South Africa-England clash between the South African High Commissioner and Dennis Silk. Chairman of the TCCB. "May the best team win," the South African says. "I hope not," Silk

replies. Winder outlines the problems of English cricket with clarity and concision and details possible farreaching solutions to them, too. Whatever becomes of the game on these shores, however, both authors agree that the centre of the cricket world has now shifted from Lords to South Asia, With the zest and passion for the game that exists there, that is surely no bad thing.

All overs bar Pinned and wriggling

Oliver Swanton skateboards through the supermarket of style

Style Surfing by Ted Polhemus, Thames & Hudson, £14.95, The Customized Body by Ted Polhemus and Housk Randall, Serpent's Tail, £15.99

ed Polhemus is an anthro-pologist and true to the pro-emism: Dior's 1947 launch of the pologist and true to the profession he has spent years living amongst the peoples he has dedicated his life to observing, submerging himself in their culture and desperately trying to decipher their strange tribal ways. But not, you understand, on the wide-open African savannah or in the deepest, darkest Peruvian jungle. Since the mid-Seventies Polhemus has spent his energies clubbing in London, now officially (again) the fashion capital of the universe. The styleconscious British youth has long been a source of amazement to the world and Polhemus is equally hewitched. Cataloguing their every move he makes a good stab at unravelling the ultimate question: why do they wear what they wear?

Like his Street Style book and exhibition at the V&A, The Customized Body and Syle Surfing are both glossy, visually stunning books; easy, quasi-intellectual reading that will sit as well on the coffee table as on the social studies shelf of the university library, Polhemus is obsessed with human packaging and the pre-sentation of self ("a person's chosen image is a more effective resumé of their inner self than anything they may put into words") but thankfully he does not make dry pronounce-

By breaking up the text of each book with "case studies" from Tokyo to New York to Manchester, Polhemus provides a much wider, more acceptable summary of where it's at punk, Westwood and McLaren. He There's Sally with sixteen rings piercing her labia; Xed with a bolt through his penis; Lazer who wears nothing hut florescent paint and and most important street culture to nothing but florescent paint and jewellery; fetish-obsessive Kaisu who nurses the erotically wounded; Tina whose gender is non-specific; Chris British jungle and skateboard scenes. and his BMX bike: Marrisa and her Mexican wrestling masks.

Polhemus' triumph is bis exploration of the Modern Primitive. Reevaluating and reviving tattoo, scarification, piercing, masks and body-paint, the Modern Primitive reacts violently against bland massconsumerism. Seeking an individual and wholly unique look, they desperately search for association with, and membership of, a style tribe. Fashion used to celebrate progress,

New Look drew a bold, thick line between the austerity of the war years and the luxurious, sexy Fifties. But what's left for today's generation as they speed towards the end of the millennium? Burdened by the economic and environmental and political havoc wreaked by the baby boomers they know that the next century holds nothing but insurmount-able problems. Unable and unwilling to stare the future down, they recycle youth cults and ancient tribal customs, trying to make sense of their Although Polhemus is not the first

to spot the trend (Douglas Coupland's Generation X'er Claire also picked 'n' mixed - Sixties hippie chick yesterday, Fifties housewife today, Seventies glam rock tomorrow) his is the more comprehensive. Teenagers now have no choice but to surf (as in "channel surfing" or "surf the net") popular culture because the linear transition of fashion ended with the advent of punk. Everything that followed was merely a rehashed version of the past. A shopping trip through what Polhemus calls "The Supermarket of Style".

Although his observations are enlightening Polhemus places too much emphasis on the punk movement from on high – he is down there with the kids, hanging out with the movers and shakers.

ment. He may well think that punk said it all, leaving nothing left for Eighties youth: the age of the teen said it all, leaving nothing left for Eighties youth: the age of the teen did die as the demographic hip of baby boomers is blinded by the brillings of the see of th liance of the so-called inventors of has taken punk's battle cry of "No Future" too literally and completely take the world by storm; currently being recycled within the vibrant

Youth culture bas not run out of steam yet. There may never be a Next Big Thing, but that is because today's youth have learnt not to be duped and, manipulated by fashion gurus who announce beige is the new black". As Polhemus acknowledges, street style now hubbles up to the catwalk rather than the other way round. So whatever we'll be wearing in the third millennium you can rest assured you won't see it at the London Fashion Show first.



Matt, from The Customized Body: "I enjoy the feeling of power and inner peace it gives me"

A delectable literary pursuit

Christopher Hawtree picks over a store of allusions

A Gentleman Publisher's Commonplace Book by John G Murray, John Murray, £9.95

monplace book. That is, within the book and volume of the toney. Meet as it is to set these down. keeping of such a book is a delec-

One regrets that he did not do so, but they are not so rare as all that, and some gifted compilers even proffer a version in their lifetimes. Justification for this came from Rupert Hart-Davis who prefaced.4 Beggar in Purple with a 1642 remark embellished with many drawings by by Thomas Fuller: "a Common- Beryl Cook, Betjeman, Osbert Lanplace-book contains many notions in caster and John Piper. Edited by

Il of us carry about a com- garrison, whence the owner may draw out an army into the field." When millions are demanded for brain there is a store of quotation purported novels under the names and allusions to be deployed when of purported celebrities, it is comthe occasion calls for something bative to name this delightful, elegantly-produced little garrison A Evelyn Waugh remarked that "the Gentleman Publisher's Commonplace Book. It is not a volume akin to those table literary pursuit - very rare nowadays - which requires many high gifts if it is to be worthwhile." of Auden and Forster, which are built upon substantial extracts, or even to that one of hrief items chosen by Wallace Stevens to form something as satisfyingly elliptical as his poetry. The late John ("Jock")

Murray is more in the spirit of the

volumes of Christmas Crackers by his

friend John Julius Norwich. It is

Murray's son, it continues the family passion for typeface and design, - but does not reveal whether he shares the "strong belief that the best results were achieved if one was unhindered by clothes."

Careful to put the word in quotation-marks, Murray's son suggests that one "surf" the volume. Donning shorts, here goes. Unlike Geoffrey Braithwaite, Jock Murray did not forbid the inclusion of Logan Pearsall Smith's "People say life is the thing, but I prefer reading." There is ample evidence here that Murray was far from study-bound. He even credits a phrase to John Leunon, difficult as it is to picture his listening to Double. Fantasy and tapping along to Yoko's organic cries before the needle reached "Beautiful Boy".

He is delighted to find a sign in Westmoreland butcher's window: "John Murray, seller of tripe." An American couple, married for 65 years, said that they had not divorced sooner as we felt we ought to wait until the children were dead." "Laugh and the the world laughs with you. Snore and you sleep alone" is credited to Anthony Burgess, who was surprised to find the same mistake in a dictionary of quotations, "but I'm not grumbling." Maurice Baring recorded one doctor asking another for advice about a pregnancy. "The father was syphilitic, the mother tuberculous. Of the children born the first was blind, the second died, the third was deaf and dumb, the

would you have done?' 'I would have ended the next pregnancy.'
Then you would have murdered Beethoven.

Agatha Christie was wittier than many suppose: "the advantage of being married to an archaeologist is that the older you get, the more interested he becomes in you." One might indeed discern an undertow of decay and death, summed up by John Gielgud. "Most of my friends seem to be either dead, extremely deaf or living

on the wrong side of Kent."

One could review this volume several times and come up with a different piece each time. In fact, it is worth huying for the disinterring of Rose Macaulay's observation that "a house unkempt cannot be so disfourth was tuberculous. What tressing as a life unlived."

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By Christopher Hirst and Lucasta Miller

Tom: The Unknown Tennessee Williams by Lyle Leverich (Sceptre, £8.99) Describing his subject as "the most enigmatic personality I have ever encountered", Leverich tells the story up to 1945 when Tom Williams experienced what he termed "the catastrophe of success" with The Glass Menagerie and changed his name. Every page contains a rich lode of fascinating material, especially concerning his Dickensian family: a cold, miserly father, a doting, prudish mother and a schizophrenic sister whose lobotomy is the most painful section of the book.

Thinking of England by Kitty Churchill (Abacus, £6.99) A game sort of gal,

Miss Kitty has produced a Which-style guide to the kinky foibles of England's unbuttoned suburbs. Lugging along her (literally) long-suffering husband Dominic and gay pal Ben. she assiduously seeks out 57 varieties of bondage, fetishism and dressing-up. The result is more peculiar than arousing, rather like an account of native ceremonies in New Guinea. It is also most amusing but you can tell that Kitty's heart isn't really in it. "In six months, I amassed a grand

A Pacifist's War by Frances Partridge (Phoenix, £6.99) The customary astringent wit of Partridge's diary is only intermittently displayed

total of two orgasms related

to research."

in this dark, brooding volume. At the heart of the book is a vicious row with fellow Bloomsburyite Gerald Brenzu about the Partridges' pacifism (Ralph P fought bravely in World War I). Some lighter entries might have come from Alan Bennett's Fony Years On: "During an appalling raid, Hester heard two voices discussing German airmen: They say they're heavily made-up, you know, red nails, lipstick.' CRASH. BOOM. BANG!"

Sir Phoebus's Ma by Zoe Teale (Phoenix, £5.99) Pleasingly unpretentious autobiographical first novel about a 22-year-old London girl who spends a year teaching English at a high school in Japan. As well as



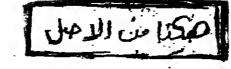
Rose Williams: Tennessee Williams's sister

the expected culture shock, the heroine has to deal with the unwanted attentions of Mr Moriya, her greasy middle-aged department head. She spends much of the novel trying to figure out what she means to him: substitute daughter, romantic attachment or the personification of Englishness -- in the end, facing up to the realisation that she is as fixated on him

The Private Parts of Women by Lesley Glaister (Bloomsbury, £5.99) Sex and secrets dominate this macabre exploration of female identity. In a fit of self-loathing following an abortion, Inis runs away from her busband and children and ends up living in a dreary Sheffield street. Her next door neighbour is Trixie, an octogenarian Bible-basher suffering from multiple-personality

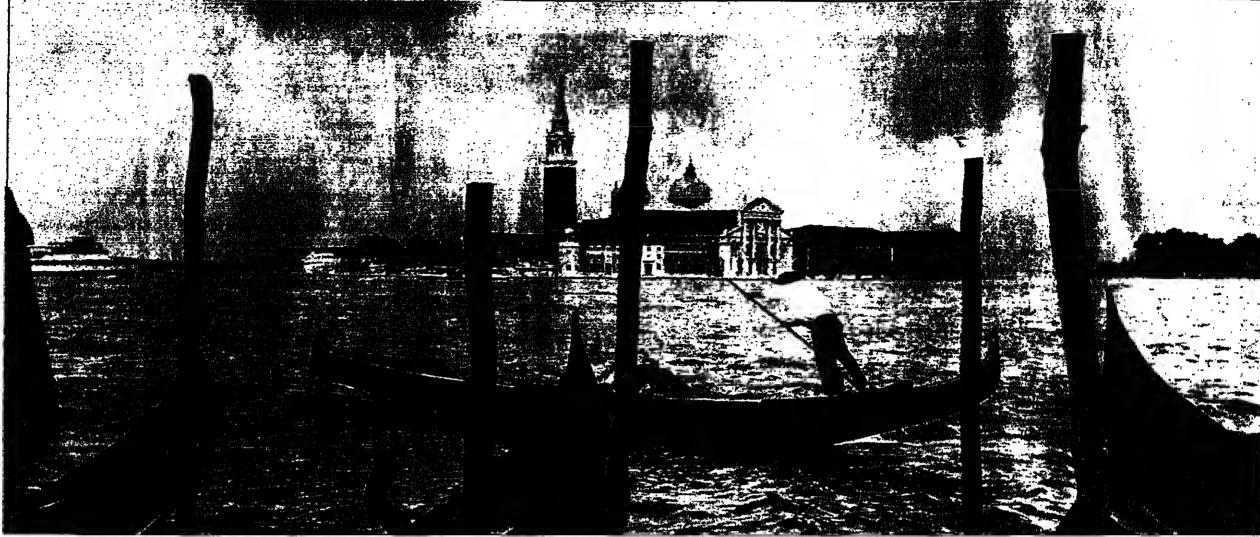
disorder. The style is streamof-consciousness, but the plot remains tight enough to give this horror story the sustained momentum of a

Asking Questions: an anthology of encounters with Naim Attallah (Quartet, £12.50) These are shrewdly conducted question-andanswer sessions, which read like conversations not interrogations. Of the 25 interviews, Lord Dacre confesses to snobbery, Ernst Gombrich hints sadly at emptiness in his personal life, and Quentin Crisp, after a lifetime of unfulfilment. reveals his disillusion with sexual intercourse ("often actually painful, sometimes uncomfortable, sometimes



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The finest secrets of Venice

By Jonathan Glancey

boats" over the past few years, ... caffé corretto or two. apart from making trips with head wood. Venetian dialect, everyone will know you cooples, every one of these elaborately are a foreigner at Da Mori: you will be gilded craft spends its day ferrying the only person able to walk through the intensely-scheduled groups of Japanese fourists up and down the Grand Canal. At the prices asked by the singing gon-dolleri, gondolas are, for the rest of us, a

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forbidden form of transport. Luckily, old gondolas are employed as traghetti, or ferries, to take shoppers-backwards and forwards across the Grand Canal at several points, and all for the bargain price of 200 lire - rather less than 10p. It is astonishing that this open secret is so little seized upon by day trippers and visitors on weekend breaks. For here is one of those near-perfect moments when, standing upright in a tipsy goodola insinuating its way between vaporetti, and string hag in hand, one can pretend to he one of the 70,000 or so surviving locals.

My favourite trughetto ride is across the Grand Canal to and from the fish and fruit and vegetable markets at Rialto. Not only are the market stalls a powerful sensual stimulus at six in the morning, when most tourists are snoozing in the city's costly hotels, but as the food in most Venetian restaurants is horrid - stale, overcooked and over-priced, as it has been since British tourists first arrived here in the 18th century - they are something of a

Most of Venice's best kept secrets are hidden well away from the Grand Canal, although after a trip to the markets, dip

narrow door to the street without having to turn sideways. Unlike effete Brits, the working men of Venice are endowed with some of the broadest shoulders this side of the pages of Marvel comic books.

Suitably refreshed at Da Mori (try the local sweet, fizzy red wine, which is excellent on an autumn day), set off in search of secret Venice. On my biennial trips to the city, I rarely pass by the shahby-looking church of San Pantalon without stopping by to gawp at the extraordinary Baroque painting that fills its dark and

lofty ceiling. A 200 lire coin in the light-box hrings Gian Antonio Fumiani's operatic trompe l'oeil to all-singing, all-dancing life. Angels and saints appear to cavort up into the heavens, while others dangle their canvas legs over the side of the cornice above the veiled heads of hlack-clad ladies chanting decats of the rosary. This is moch better than telly, but you will need to have a store of 200 lire coins in your coat pocket to keep this late-17th-century version of cinerama glowing in front of your incredulous eyes. The hravura painting seems all the more poignant when you learn that, after toiling at it for 24 years, Fumiani fell

to his death from the scaffolding. There is nothing left of the painter's work today save what you see above you, which is quite enough for any British into Da Mori, a har frequented almost tourist brought up in a world of chaste exclusively by Veoetians, and in particu-churches knocked about a hit by mistress stood in for the BVM), hut

enetian children have taken to lar by gondolieri limbering up for the day's Cromwell and strict, disciplinary chapels. these are almost too easy to find (upstairs deo on San Francesco del Deserto, it is heaped and cheap plates of fish stew, liver calling gondolas "Japanese lucrative "O solo mio"s with a stringent There is, however, a butcher's block of at the Accademia, first room on your left), worth remembering that Venice is home and polenta. There is, however, a butcher's block of at the Accademia, first room on your left). worth remembering that Venice is home and polenta. saintly relics scattered throughout the rest highly the tiny niche in a dark corner of SS Giovanni e Paolo, the city's cavernous 14th-century Dominican church, in which you find the foot of St Catherine, flesh peeling off tiny bones like old parchment.

Nor should you miss St Nicetus, an early Romanian hishop whose engagingly gruesome cadaver, cloaked in ecclesiastical splendour, rests away the centuries in the the venerable church of S Nicolò dei Mendicoli (the church of Santa Claus. or Father Christmas, whose bones the Venetians claimed to have rescued more than a thousand years ago); the saint was "chiuso per il restauro" for some years, but is happily hack in this pretty little church in the shadow of the city jail, where few

tourists tread.

The most easily overlooked churches are those at the eastern end of the city, beyond the Arsenale, the old dockyards where the ships of the once invincible Venetian navy were built (a number 5 hus takes you through the Arsenale; otherwise it remains a military zone, and only a letter to the admiral in charge will allow you to visit here on foot). Here, by the municipal gasworks, is San Francesco della Vigna (started by Sansovino in 1534; completed by Palladio in 1572). Inside – you will normally be the only tourist - is one of my favourite paintings, the joyous Madonna and Child Enthroned by Antonia la Negroponte (1450), in which the Virgin poses in a rose bower flanked by orange trees. She is not as fine as Bellini's

Angm some anonymous 13th-ceotury mosaic artist, shimmers in gold and hlue from the apse of Torcello Cathedral; this is the austere, yet magnetic deconsecrated church oo the remote island of Torcello (oumber 12 bus from Foodamente Nuove) which also hosts an epic and truly disturbing 12th-century Apotheosis of Christ and Last Judgement on its west wall; you can almost feel the slathering jaws of hell sink-ing into your worthless flesh as you quake before this medieval nightmare. On the subject of islands on the fringe

of Venice, there are three others I would recommend, but the last comes with a proviso. The first is San Francesco del Deserto (gondola from Burano, reached by a number 12 from Fondamente Nuove) to visit the lovely garden tended here by the Franciscan monks. The secood is San Lazzaro degli Armeni (number 10 from Riva degli Schiavoni), where Armenian monks will, if you ask nicely, show you their revelatory collection of books and manuscripts. Some date back to the fifth century and are a privilege to be able to read in the sanctity of the venerable

library here. My third island is a difficult one. Not only must you negotiate a trip over to Laz-zaretto Vecchio by punt (not easy), but you must also endeavour not to return with a stray dog in tow - so long as the British quarantine laws continue. For here, among classical architectural frag-ments, Venice hides its canine waifs and strays, and a pathetic spectacle it makes.

Having mel the monks and their gar-

Another exceptional Madonna is the to a bed of exquisite gardens, nearly all flanking the city's shoulder-wide alleyways. Or, in the case of the romantic vegetable garden cultivated behind Palladio's Il Redentore (that most perfect church, consecrated in 1592 and built to celebrate

the eod of the plague of 1575-76 that killed 46,000 Venetians) hehind a monumeot visited by countless tourists, precious few of whom know what greenery sprouts in the shadow of its Byzantine

By now you will be tired and hungry: after all, we have covered a fair amount of ground, or water, in search of secret Venice. May I recommend lunch at the Rosticceria San Bartolomeo (Calle della Bissa, off Campo San Bartolomeo)? You will have to stand up and cat, I'm afraid. of Venetians; join them as they tuck into greatest Venetian secret of all.

This pit-stop will give you the strength ing trips to see the Venetian lagooo's allbut-secret wildlife (there is more to Venice that pigeons and cocky little dogs drawn from paintings by Carpaccio); take your pick of a rainy afternoon spent in the gloriously old-fashioned and museologically incorrect Natural History Museum (Fondaco dei Turchi), or take a trip out to Chioggia, a working-class Venice in miniature, as everyone here describes it. Chioggia is at the furthest reach of the lagoon. Home to one of the finest fish markets in Europe, it is also the stamping ground of Signor Bossi's extreme right-wing northern Italian separatist movement. Admire the fish, hut do not talk politics; for here you can even afford to ride around the canals on hut you will be very much in the company a "Japanese boat", and that must be the

City essentials: Venice

Jonathan Glancey flew from Gatwick to Venice with Alitalia, not an experience he would repeat, however, since the DC-9 developed an engine fault immediately after take-off and he spent an unscheduled two hours on the ground at Brussels airport. Next time, he says, he will try a different

airline. Italy Sky Shuttle (0181-748 1333) has November flights for £163 on a Monarch charter from Gatwick, or £192 on British Airways from Heathrow.

From the airport to Venice, a taxi will cost around £25. Local buses run every 30 minutes or so for £1.

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Croydon, cybersuburb?

An unlikely renaissance is about to begin. By James Rampton

he same people who tell you to "see Naples and die" might also advise you to "die and see Croydon". Ever since Captain Sensible enjoyed a minor hit with a song called "Croydon" in the early Eighties, this commuter town south of London has been a byword for all that is soulless - neither close enough to the capital to be hip and metropolitan, nor far enough out to have rural charm.

That image, so the town hopes. is changing. Croydon is undergoing the greatest make-over this side of the Richard and Judy programme. Why, Croydon Council has nahhed a new publicity boss. Ronan Carroll, from Gatwick Airport's press office down the A23. and has even seconded Jan Grasty. a marketing adviser from Nestlé which has its headquarters in the town. "I looked on Croydon as a brand," she explains, "the same way as Nescafé is a hrand ... It's a classic marketing exercise.

One of her main tasks is to huild up Croydon as a tourist attraction. Every town and region in the country is waking up to the money-making potential of tourism. Last year saw a record number of foreign tourists - 24 million - visit Britain. Croydon. wants a piece of that action. It's not Mission: Impossible. hut it's close. You've heard of Bronte Country, or Shakespeare Country – hut Croydon Country?

Leaving East Croydon station either a futuristic jewel, or a space-ship remaindered from *Close* Encounters of the Third Kind, depending an your point af view things don't look promising. You are struck by the unambiguous concreteness of the surroundings. Indeed, the sounds of the Specials' song "Concrete Jungle" quite possibly ring in your ears. Standing on the central reservation of the town's main drag – a dual carriageway called Wellesley Road - dwarfed by skyscrapers, you could almost he in a



mini-Manhattan.

But all is not lost. Two minutes' walk finds you in the oasis of the Clocktower, Croydon's vihrant new cultural centre, which opened last year, and this week won the IBM Multimedia prize in the Museum of the Year awards. Here is an eagerness to innovate and throw off the old stereotypes about the town. Sally MacDonald. the principal museum officer at the centre, keenly takes up the story. "We're aiming to give people variety and put Croydon on the map. We don't just want to do safe exhibitions and predictable stuff

... Croydon has had a reputation for being soulless, so one of the things we needed to do was demonstrate there was life here." As she shows me round an inno-

vative exhibition called Cyburban Fantasies, which puts Virtual Reality into a domestic context, I hegin to grasp her point. "You can see things here you can't see anywhere else," she continues, "People don't want a museum full of fossils. We'll continue to take risks." The visitors' book (below) shows these are paying off, In the Tourist Information Cen-

tre. Liz Hollowood, its manager, contends that "things have changed dramatically here". Underlining what tourists like to do hest, she adds: "We are a good shopping base and the largest retail area in the South-east outside the West End. At Christmas, the hotels have coachloads of people up from the south coast."

Croydon has gone all Europhiliac, too. "It's linked to the Channel Tunnel. We've had a lot more French and German people recently." That has been aided no end by the creation of a home page about the joys of Croydon on the Internet, which has apparently netted a particularly large number of Russians. The tourist boom is reflected in retail sales, up 14 per cent on last year.

Strolling around the town centre, you are pleasantly surprised by an array of good restaurants and the happy co-existence of religions ancient (16th-century almshouses, and a palace where six archhishops of Canterbury came to stay) and modern (the Whitgift Shopping Centre is, to some, a 20th-However, she stresses that century cathedral.)

Photograph: Brian Harris

Ms Grasty admits that the town is never going to be another Flor-ence, hut: "I say to the sneerers, 'come and have another look...' We're extending the use of Croydon. People won't come here just to work or shop. They'll come to have a good time as well."

As we part, Ms Grasty lists famous old Croydonians - Peggy Ashcroft (a theatre is named after her), David Lean (there is a cinema in his honour), Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (his former residence is now an old people's home) and Kate Moss. Now there's something for the marketeers to work on - the Kate Moss Trail.

'Cyburban Fantasies' runs at the Croydon Clocktower (0181-253 1030) until 1 December

Exotic holidays start in Crawley

Simon Calder reports on a travel city

holidays in Croydon; now you probably take them in Crawlev. To be correct, that statement requires only that "take" be sub-stituted with "start" or "book". Improbably, the accident of post-war town planning known as Crawley is the huh of Britain's holiday industry.

First, we must dispose of Croydon (insert suitable Betjemanesque joke here, if you wish). There has always been a tension between the two conurbations. Most of it has arisen from citizens weary of being asked "is that Crawley in Surrey?" by those who cannot tell the West Sussex new town from the garish London borough 20 miles to the north. But there is a hig difference: in the galaxy of Greater London, Croydon is a minor satellite; Crawley dominates West Sussex like Bill Clinton dominates American politics...

A glitter gulch is carved by the A23 as it rolls through the north of the county. This prosperity is largely thanks to Crawley's very own inter-national airport - Gatwick, Croydon's aerodrome has long since vanished, to be supplanted in travellers' affections by Gatwick - older, wiser and nicer than Heathrow (fnunded 10 years later, in 1946).

In the early days of the new town, though, the young airport was nearly concreted over with the rest of northwest Sussex. When Thomas Bennett. the creator of Crawley, unveiled the master plan in December 1948, the airport was barely mentioned. It was, hoped, he said, "that some arrangement might be made which would enable the airport to continue". It has, and every day, the entire population of Crawley - or at least the numerical equivalent, around 70,000 - flies in or out of Britain's second-busiest airport. Someone has removed the "Welcome to Crawley - a Nuclear-free Zone" signs that used to greet airport users, but you're still welcome to Gatwick, Crawley's gateway to the globe.

Before you even get to the airport, your holiday may well have already started in Crawley. The list of airlines and tour operators based in the town has grown to implausible proportions.

ou may once have taken your Richard Branson decided to set up Virgin Atlantic Airways in the high street. Even though most Virgin flights now use Heathrow, the airline's HQ retains its roots in Sussex. Mr Branson can clearly see the attractions of Craw-

ley over, say. Hounslow.

Perhaps the draw is County Mall. plodged across the middle of town like an Arndale Centre on steroids, Or Tilgate Furest, where the lake on which the Campbell family used to get up to speed is now the centre-piece of a country park. More likely these than-Town Meadow, which sounds like a pastoral idyll but turns nut to be the home ground of Crawley Tiwn FC. Once, the Red Devils were called "the sleeping giants of non-league football". But only by the manager of Eastbourne United.

No, probably the reason Richard Branson stays put is to keep an eye on the competition, Caledonian Airways and Air 2000 both Itave their headquarters in Crawley. The latter is part of Britain's third-higgest tour operator, First Choice. Across the road, British Airways flexes its corporate muscle from the heavenly surroundings of Astral Towers. When you book your British Airways Holiday or call the airline's Air Miles subsidiary, you are talking to someone in Crawley, Inspirations is just across the Surrey border, and Unijet resides a dozen miles south in the (even) leafier surroundings of Haywards Heath.

The town's only problem (leaving aside drugs, delinquency and drizzle) is that many of those who run the travel companies commute to Crawley rather than live there. Among senior executives, there seems to be a competition to see who can live furthest away - currently held by a chap who drives daily from Aylesbury, a 140-mile round trip. Even loyal sons and daughters of the town, who once made Crawley maternity hospital the most productive place in Britain, have moved away, returning only at Christmas to drink in the past at a succession of imaginatively named pubs.

Our family is no exception. So, Sarah, Penny, Jo and Kate - Christmas Eve as usual at the Charcoal Burner?



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Visitors book The Clocktower, Croydan

Speaking as a snotty person from North London I must say that this museum is the very model of a local museum which gives people understanding and pride in their locality - Anon presumably of North London]

Fantastic: at last, a reason for living in Croydon - PH. South Croydon I live in the West End of London, and I wish there was something like this on my doorstep - Anon

A useful and necessary step towards Croydonactually finding an identity - IG.

Keep going this way, and Croydon will get back its soul - EH, Surrey

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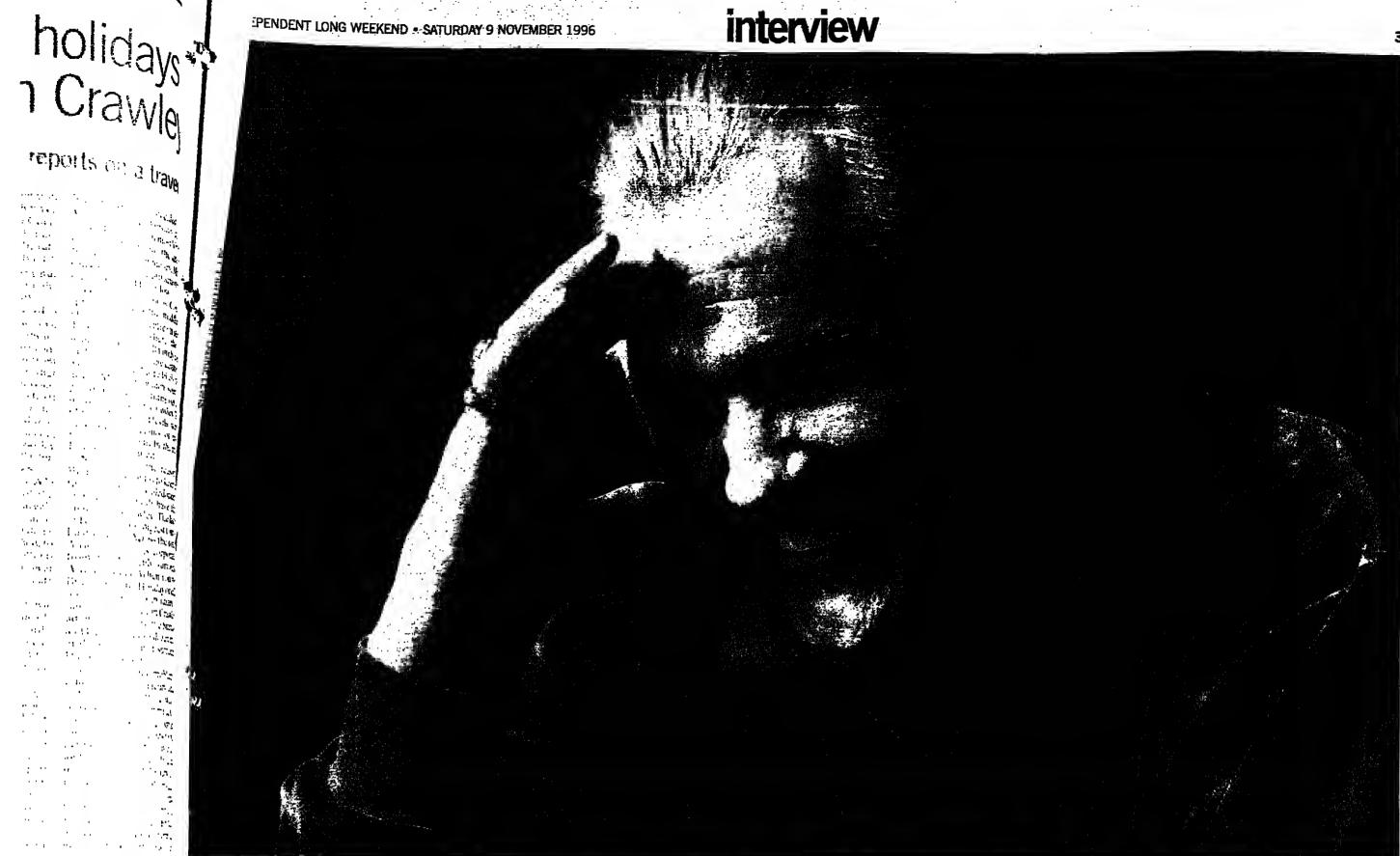
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John Walsh meets... PJ Proby

restaurant, the picture of docility. After "50 years of firing Jack Daniels" down his golden throat, he is drinking grapefruit juice; before him is the script of Pete Townshend's oewly-disinterred Godfather, filling in for Gary Ghtter. From certain angles he is the dead spit of Dennis Hopper, his face lined and handsome and faintly menacing. And on two fingers of his left hand, two gold rings spell out a potent metaphor, one offers the letters "PJP", the other "ROBY. A split name, to go with the split personality, the split career... and, of

course, the most famously, disastrously, split trousers in stage history. Younger readers should know that, in the early Sixties, when our hearts were young and hithe, Proby. was an authence Wild One. A glossy American import with a voice full of gulps, hiccups and stifled sobs, he sang like a man torn hetween acute melaocholy and hetween acute melaocholy acute melaoc perlace faw uff", even its title vir-nually unrecognisable: "Summ-ah-wayah upper-lace..." Inthose days, he wore his hair in a girly pigtail with a velvet bow, and ponced about in a way no English eyes had seen before. "I was all over that stage," he reminisces, reckless of modesty. "Right in those little girls" faces. Nobody had ever boogied like James Brown, and moved their

body like that before..." For most of his 58 years, Mr drama queen. You ever see a pic-Proby has been in trouble – seek-ing it, courting it, revelling in it. But and Montgomery Clift? That's us. 1965, at the Castle Hall, Groydon, Taylor but couldn't bring himself to when his blue velvet trousers split touch a woman..." I note that there onstage from knee to crotch and is a new song on the album called blunged him towards Palookaville. "Devil in Red Velvet", on which inlunged him towards Palookaville. the concert said the act "left me in chinchilla". Is the macho physically sick and should be roustabout getting a bit camp himbanned. The trouble might have self? "Yeah, I know. I almost didn't been invisibly mended, but two do that. But even a hard-assed milnights later, at the Ritz in Luton, Proby's unfeasibly tight strides sexuals exist. As long as I don't have abruptly bifurcated once again dur- to participate. I'm the gorilla in ing a Fate-tempting leg-split, and chinchilla ..." the curtain came down on his

the table of a Soho formances and from both TV channcls. He was, suddenly, nowhere -

and by and large remained there. Today, the fuss seems a bit extreme. What was behind it? Had he actually exposed himself, like Jim Morrison? Hell no, it was only. Quadrophenia, which is shortly to go mah knees showing. But it was on the road with Proby playing the political. Everyone was still coming down off that thing with Profumo and Keeler, there was an atmosthem some more of that. It was a big sexual thing and they were like, 'Get him out, he's causin' trouble the country, even before the trousers split, and they were waiting for a pretext."

This mother took up with the local doctor ("a nice guy, but he couldn't handle alcohol. He was ing for a pretext." like Christine Keeler...' Mary ing for a pretext."

The conspiracy theory is a little

whiskery now, but Proby trots it out with gusto. In fact he does everything with gusto: sings, drinks, boasts, courts underage girls, shoots people, falls over, tells tall stories, spits out redneck bigotry and has comebacks. His newest comeback is career in 1989 with a duet of "Something Gotten Hold of My Heart", and Proby is hoping for a similar result. For the moment, though, things are a little sticky in the credit sharing department. Proby is not happy that, in a film clip of the duet, Almond has somehow oailed the last note, as well as the first contract to the record company. Did they get on? Proby muses on his relationship with the famed English

itary man like me can't deny homo-

rizzled as Grendel's career. He was takeo off the tour Smith in Houston, Texas, in 1948 Mother and just as leg- (to be replaced by Tom Jones), and was singing when barely out of endary, PJ Proby sits at banned from further theatrical per- oappies. "You know them little recording booths? There's a record of me, at three, singin "Roll out the Barrel" for mah parents." (He goes into excruciating baby-speak: "
Woll out the bawwel / We'll have a bawwel o'fun - can ah have some chew-gum now, Uocle Dan?' ") Raised an Episcopalian, he sang with gospel choirs at the local black church, like Jerry Lee Lewis. "I was the only white person there. And in phere about, and I was handing the house o'God there is no prejudice. You don't kick people out for being white or black. Mind you, they might kick you out o'the bar oext door..." His mother took up with

showbiz demon in his psyche struggled for mastery over the grunt, and won. He hung out with Elvis (who dated his sister), with Eddie Cochrane (whose fiancée Sharon Sheedy gave him his stage oame -PJ stands for "Papa James") and with Paul Newman, for whom he was chauffeur and bodyguard. "My joh in the daytime was driving his two-seater Thunderbird. We went to the gym every day, we pumped iron and pulled birds all day."

Don't you love that "pulled birds"? Proby has of course lived io England, picking up such baroque. un-American formulations, since 1962, when he was brought over by Jack Good, the most powerful impresario in London, to take part out a living. He was a shepherd in

periods in Hollywood, where the Theo came the split-velvets affair and soon he had oothing. By 1968 he was declared bankrupt with debts of £84,309, against useable assets of 59d. He lost all his possessions and took to drink. It's said that he blew £5m in two years, though you have to balance such claims with Proby's other Munchausen-ish boasts: that he invented the male ponytail, that he brought in the Sixties fashion for bell-bottoms (from the naval academy, you see), that he ooce shared a cell with four condemned murderers, that he possesses the great-

est singing voice in the world... His decline was spectacular. Hc disappeared into the wilds of northern England, doing crap jobs, eking

"Two nights later, at the Ritz in Luton, Proby's unfeasibly tight strides bifurcated again during a Fate-tempting leg-split, and the curtain came down on his career"

and milke Proby, is not even under always falling overboard into the io a Beatles spectacular. Proby Gulf of Mexico") and his parents separated. They were so stridently dysfunctional that the court was unable to award custody of nineture called Red River? John Wayne year-old James to either. He was sent instead to military academy, by even he wasn't prepared for the Monty was a screaming fag, sup-some way the strongest influence on reaction to the night of 29 January, posed to be in love with Elizabeth his life, though he admits it made Taylor but couldn't bring himself to him virtually impossible. "I had a gaog called the Great White Fathers, and I bought them motorcycle jackets with eagles flying over cops' heads, pulling their bats off Proby sings the line. "I'm the killer and dripping blood on them. I went to St Louis, Missouri and bought switchblades for the gang. It was the 11th graders - that's us, maybe 14 or 15 - against seniors, and we used to cut them up..."

Then came five years in Vietnam, as a regular army private, inter-

raided the Warner Brothers costume department to kit himself out for the flight to Heathrow. "The shirt was from The Left-Handed Gun, the Paul Newman movie about Billy the Kid, the boots were from Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, old leather ones with dancing soles... "Within weeks of touching down, he and Good recorded a version of the old Dick Haynes oumber, "Hold Me". In May, 1964, it weot straight to No 3 in the charts, the first of a string of hits. For a Rolls-Royces, Lear jets, a yacht and an expensive clothes habit to maintain, a mews house in Knights-bridge, then a house in Chelsea, across the King's Road from the

Bolton, a muckspreader in Huddersfield ("that's about as close to Texas as you can git"), a janitor in Hammersmith, where once he'd filled the Palais. "I was sweeping the streets, the gutters, taking care of the occupants of a mansion block. I've slepi in people's coal cellars because I had no place to live." he remembers without rancour. "I didn't care what I did. But I wouldn't go back on stage unless the money was right. To get me to do what I do best, it's got to be paid for. I wouldn't go on stage for less than couple of years, Proby was the It £3,000. But to get me to clean your Boy. He had, he claims, umpteeo yard would cost you almost oothstage have been fraught. He was kicked out of Ehis: the Musical in

the stage during his first number. More successful was his appearance in Only the Lonely, the Roy Orbison nostalgia show in which his 15minute slot singing his old hits stopped the show night after night. But the last time he was in the papers, it was for claiming benefit carlier this year, while appearing on stage in Ritzy Portsmouth and glamorous Brentwood.

is relations with women have heen, shall we say, problematic over the years. His first wife Marianne was 14; they split up because he refused to take her out anywhere and "I caught her with a coupte of guys". He was engaged to Dean Martin's daughter but, when they were temporarimprisoned for three months. A similar fate awaited his third wife. a Manchester croupier called Dulcie, whom he shot with an air pistol, again for suspected infidelity. He was fined £60 for attacking his live-in secretary, allegedly because she was spending too much on groceries. In the early Eighties, the police took an interest in his reladonship with a 14-year-old Yorkshire farmer's daughter, whom he married when she was a grand dame of 17; she left to collect some hamhurgers a year later and never returned. More recently, he shacked up in a north Finchlev semi with the singer Billie Davies, who told The People that he had had only ooc erection in their time together and had spent three hours admiring it ("I didn't get a look in,"

she complained). None of this unpromising record dents his romantic, if unreconstructed, view of women. He regrets the onset of feminist frankness because "there's no reason to take a girl out anymore. You know you're going to git fucked, so you don't think about flowers and being a gentleman. Males doo't know how to show respect now, because females haven't demanded it in so many going to meet mah best friend God years. I doo't think there has heen a role model in moralistic fibre in this country since the Sixties when we started ripping it apart." He is ing." His occasional returns to the a keeo fan of virginity. "It's the highest thing a woman can give a man. She's nothing else to give. What else 1978 for messing with the script. In is there? Intelligence? We don't

work." Sticking my neck out, I'd say Proby is perhaps not an ideal mate for female readers of this newspaper, with his belief that "men are put here to raise girls. Teach them to be women. Teach them to he ladies. Anything their parents left out..." Couldn't women leach him a thing or two? He looked appalled. "What could a women teach a man?" How to he civilised? He looked more appalled. "Can they teach me about cleanliness? There are women around now, don't even know what a douche-hag is ... "

Mr Proby, of course, grew up in one of the most chauvinistic parts of the world, and cannot help heing a sexist racist, homophobic, casually authoritarian bigot. His dilations on "coons" (his family had black servants) makes Enoch Powily estranged, he broke into her house and fired a Colt .45 at her and a gentleman friend and was guns is more reasonably argued – If those people in Tasmania, where that maniac walked into that cafe. had had guns, they'd be alive today and he wouldn't he facing a court, he'd be;dead" - and he snorts with contempt about the British government's recent handgun han. "Stupid," he says. "It's only going to put all that on the black market, running undercover, and make it even higger." Against the day when somebody

does take a potshot at him, he has done several things. He's chosen a tombstone in Houston, and even chosen the pilot who will fly his remains home. He has completed his autohiography but, typically, fallen out with his ghost writer. "She wanted it to be too sensationalist, Every other word was 'Fuck this', 'Fuck that', the way I spoke on the tape. I wanted my life story to rend like The Moon's a Balloon by David Niven.i. " And of course he's releasing his self-defining Legend album, Amaziogly, the doomed, self-destructive, chronically ahandoned incorrigibly alcoholic, redneck wastrel that Mr Proby has been for most of his life is weirdly contented about it all. He is unafraid of death ("All it means is and all mah other friends are up there, too") and smug about having "an upsurge in your career at 58 years old, when every single person know is retired - Elton, Tom [Jones], all of 'em". Feeling ridiculous, I asked the unluckiest man in rock history: do you feel lucky? "As 1985, at the Rock 'n' Roll Legends need her brain. We need her love, lucky as blessed will let you get," he He was born James Marcus spersed with rest'n' recuperation Duke of Wellington's barracks, concert in Epping Forest, he fell off to make us get up and go out to said. And guess what? He meant it,

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Giant steps

ruhhle is a forest of neon promis-ing a brighter and better tomorrow. With food, fasshion, and the delights of suhurbia; comfortable homes and contenied kids. Assaid may beam down from every wall, and Syrian guns command every street, but the homegrown signs suggest a nation looking actively to its future. Mission: Impossible is showing, but it's too soon for showbiz glitz. There's just one gaudy, ad to be seen by the approach-roads to the city, proclaiming Elissa: Queen of Carthage, performed by the Caracalla Dance Theatre.

Their auditorium is packed the night I go, as it has been every night for the past

10 months. The show begins with an ancient, quizzical figure in a Sinhad robe opening a vast hook out of which spills a troupe of dancers in splendici apparel. The tale they tell - in a combination of mime and Martha Graham - is of the original Dido, tragic daughter of the King of Tyre, who chose to immolate hers elf rather than marry without love. The show is rounded off with a cleverly choreographed explosion of folk-dance, which the audience other every day had said, 'Let's be OK to cheer to the rafters. No metropolitan cynicism here: just volcanic energy, and burn-

Button-holing punters in the interval, I get the same comments time and again. It's the best show in town - the only thing worth going to - these dancers are heroes. One family, decked out as gorgeously as anyone on stage, is on holiday from the Israeli-occupied south, and is relishing the company's walk-tall patriotic message. But when the fans cluster round for autographs at the end, they're, not after the dancers' signatures. What they want is the signature of the intense, power-packed man who has conceived both the show and the company itself,

he new Beirut now arising from the calla was Lehanon's champion rubble is a forest of neon promispole-vaulter, during the country's 15-year civil war, he became its cultural champion. For, apart from the conflict's first year, during which he was paralysed with horror along with everyone else, he and his troupe never stopped performing. Like the Windmill girls in London's hlitz, they literally dodged the bombs on their way to

> "During the war," says Caracalla, everyone was constantly on the move, looking for safety. So I decided we would be on the move, too, following wherever the audience was." And it was this mobility - plus a topical re-working of Romeo and Juliet - that made him a legend. "Playing in every sector, we constantly had to cross the hattle lines. If we had to move from the Christian sector to the Muslim one, Christian soldiers would hand us over to their Muslim counterparts at the boundary. And they in turn would hand us on to the Druze militiamen, if that was our next stop. It was as though the hatreds of war were temporarily lifted for us. As though the people who were killing each

But things weren't always so smooth, as Caracalla's son, Ivan - in the company from the age of six - recalls. In what turned out to be one of the opening salvos of the war, a car carrying him and his mother plus two other women was suddenly fired on: he got off with minor injuries but one of their passengers was paralysed, and the other killed. The company's longest-serving member is a highly strung dancer called François Rahmé whose route to his calling was paved with grief. It's not a story he enjoys telling -you have to drag it out of him - hut this is the gist: he was obsessed from his infancy with Fonteyn and Nureyev, and took dancing lessons Thirty years ago. Abdc I-Halim Cara-from one of his two older sisters; all three





hit by gunfire - both girls were killed by the same hullet. He was 10, and didn't dance again until he was 16. "The war,"

he says simply, "was awful. No fun at all." Tania Haroun - the current show's Dido -went to study in Paris when war hroke out. and never intended to work in a battlefield. "I was back home visiting my parents in 1983, and went to a Caracalla show purely out of curiosity. And I couldn't believe that Beirut could produce anything so good, so professional. I took classes with them, and stayed. I found that dance was an escape from all the had things of war. When you are on stage you always feel good, no matter what is bothering you in real life."

On the other hand, the quizzical gent

tanon. Bert Stimmel is a tiny, sprightly 76-year-old who hails from Ohio, had a gilded career as a West End choreographer in the Fifties, and has worked with Caracalla for 30 years. His Beirut flat was hlown to hell in the war, hut his only comment is a gentle shrug. "I flew in the Second World War and my B-17 crashed in the North Sea, so I've no problem with danger here." This figure in Caracalla's Phoenician frieze speaks with a dreamy Southern courtesy: disparate worlds were

never more strangely linked.

Listening to these dancers talk, and watching them in class with the maestro, one is struck by the awe in which they hold him. Whatever one thinks of his work -

and it doesn't please all tastes - Caracalia is that genuine article, a truly charismatic visionary. He acquired his vision - fol-lowing a noble tradition - in the Roman temples at his home town of Baalbek. "I was watching the world's great companies come to perform at the annual festival. and I suddenly thought - why doesn't Lebanon have its own dance theatre? So I went to study in London, to reveal the

"London" meant the Martha Graham-based London School of Contemporary Dance, and he's kept faith with its aesthetic ever since. His grand aim was to create a fusion of occidental and ori-ental styles, and thus to give the Arab world a new form. He trawled the Middle East with his camera and recorder, storing his finds in an archive which he will - "at the right time" - donate to the Lebanese government. "It will be the past speaking to the future." He's set up a school for young dancers, from which his company is drawn.

One of his resident composers is a volwho is president of the Beirut conservapersuade the state to fund a symphony orchestra. "But each time I win the argument, something happens to prevent it a war on the southern horder, or the says, will be primarily devoted to the performance of Lebanese music. But how much indigenous symphonic music is there? "Not much yet," he agrees, "but problem is that they are in the States or in Europe. We want them back."

When he took over the conservatoire in 1991, it was in very had shape, with its huildings looted and hurned, and 56 professors teaching a mere 48 students. Now 0171-314 8800

215 professors teach 3,500 students, and he proudly reels off their specialisms; 700 pianists, 350 violinists, 40 cellists, 300 woodwind, 300 upera singers, 500 orien-

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Wonderful, but what opportunities await them? His face falls. Your question is quite... delicate. Music in the Arah world is not easy these days. The Islamic conception of music is not favourable to it as a career." He is too diplomatic to say it, but the truth is that even in Lebanna. music is being systematically snuffed out by Muslim fundamentalism. A Beirut television programme for spotting musical talent cruelly reflects the situation: 10 years ago, 60 per cent of the entrants were Muslim, now the figure is five per cent.

Local enthusiasts long to reinstitute the Baalbek festival, but "political interests" regularly foil their attempts. And you only have to spiff the air in the streets to understand why: this Hezbollah stronghold in the Bekaa valley exudes the same duur severity to be found in the Hezbollah area of Beirut, Opera queens - and concert uble polymath called Walid Gholmieh, pianists - would just not tit the picture. The old Baalbek, as one conductor sad

Yet, in other places, the cultural sce is humming. Beirut does not yet have a proper hall, but events take place in a wide variety of improvised venues, often Israelis shelling Beirut." The orchestra, he at the instigation of the foreign centres conspiring to help Lebanon recover. Next month, the British Council will open a second office in Beirut: it had planned two excellent contributions to the cultural once we have an orchestra, it will come. feast this year, but both had to be can-We have the composers already - the celled hecause of the Israeli attack. That peace process had better get moving again, fast.

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Next time Sylvie Guillem asks 'Romeo, Romeo? wherefore art thou, Romeo?' Adam Cooper just might be the answer. By Louise Levene

day. There wasn't a seat to he had for Romeo and Juliet and indeed 50 people were hap-pily managing without, will-ing to stand for three hours watching Sylvie Guillem. The additional treat they could not have anticipated was the last-minute withdrawal of her usual partner Jonathan Cope. who had unfortunately cracked a rib. He was replaced by Adam Cooper, the Royal Ballet dancer currently starring (and I do mean starring) two nights a week in the West End run of Adventures in Motion Pictures' huge hit, Swan Lake.

Since the acrimonious departure of the tall and pointlessly good-looking Hungarian Zoltan Solymosi, Darcey Bussell and Guillem have been forced into a risky time-share with Jonathan Cope. Very tall, very handsome and very reliable, the only fear was that the strain would prove too much for him. In the event, it wasn't a dance injury hut fate at the ending almost unbearable. wheel of a car that laid him

icket touts were out in low. Although Cooper has of her dancing, and the force at the Royal squired Guillem in one-act coltish charm of her acting. works, he has never been given a crack at a full-length dramanic partnership. This was his big chance to prove to the beady eyes of management (and the even beadier eyes of Mile Guillem) that he was more than equal

> Cooper has danced Romeo before but he wasn't scheduled to do so this season and the lack of rehearsal time showed in some of his early solos. He had wisely decided to cut his losses and spend the few precious days available working on the allimportani pas de deux.

> Juliet has grown into one of Guillem's strongest London roles. Far too many hallerinas dance the character as if Juliet herself had read the play and imhue their reading with a sort of Cassandra-like gloom that takes the sting out of the tragedy. Guillem's Juliet positively quivers with happiness and this blissful innocence of her waiting fate makes the

The strength and lightness

make her irresistible. Adam Cooper didn't even try to

Guillem is reputed to treat rehearsals as a matter of stringent technical preparation, reserving her dramatic energies for performance. If this was the case with Cooper, then the explosive chemistry of their partnership will have surprised him as much as it delighted the audience. The bedroom scene was danced with utter conviction and they threw themselves into MacMillan's fiendish pairwork

with a naturalistic hunger. Whether or not Bussell and Guillem continue to dance exclusively with Jonathan Cope remains to be seen. Tuesday night's performance demonstrated that there is no longer any necessity for this.

Cope wasn't the only absentee at Covent Garden this week. Thursday's revival of MacMillan's 1989 baller The Prince of the Pagodas was drawn almost entirely from the subs bench. Ashley Page, Tetsuya Kumakawa and quacy shone Darcey Bussell,



Sylvie Guillem as Juliet

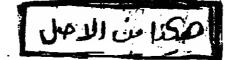
and the resulting changes left the company in disarray. One hesitates to name names hut, since you twist my arm: one dancer made such a lumpen dog's breakfast of the King of the North's first big soto that the normally over-polite firstnight audience seemed collectively to sit on its hands. He improved as he went on hut he couldn't fail to really - and he wasn't even replacing anybody.

At the centre of this storm of uncertainty and inade-Deborah Bull were all absent reprising the role of the

exiled princess that made of a star at 20. Seven year haven't diminished her dareing jetés and enduringly girlish heauty, and have only served to strengthen her technique and assurance. Her performance was a reproach to the dancing of many of her colleagues. Stuart Cassidy was her Prince turned Green Salamander and he danced the latter particularly well, darting lizard-like from pose to pose and curling his arms and spine to Benjamin Britten's exotic faux-gamelan sound. There wasn't much chemistry between them but that is hardly surprising in a manufactured cod-Freudian fairy tale like this. People complain that classical hallet princes are two-dimensional but Florimund is a positive

Hamlet by comparison.
Bussell's dancing, Nicho Georgiadis's stylised design and the orchestra's relish of Britten's score remain the ballet's unly real pleasures. The touts won't be wasting their time on this one. In rep to 28 Nov; ROH, Covent Garden. London (0171-304 4000)





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The F-word that became respectable

Larger women launch campaign to emphasise positive image and show that big really is beautiful

Move over Kate Moss - hig is beautiful. An exhibition of positive images of fat women, designed to knock the skinny models off the cover of Vogue in favour of the fuller female fig-

ure, opens today.

The event, which could be seen as a kind of Rubens revival, has been organised by the Fat Women's Group. Their celehration of famess includes pictures, prints, videos and artefacts from around the world demonstrates, they say. "the beauty and reality of larger

"You only have to look at how many lovely representa-tions of fat women we have managed to gather together to see that beauty and thinness do not necessarily go together," said Janet Mearns, a member of the Fat Women's Group, which was founded eight years ago.

Today, the group will also he handing out awards to fat women who have "taken a risk to promote size acceptance." Among the award winners is Helen Jackson, a barrister who campaigns to end size discrimination; Sue Surry, who promotes Big Aerobics; and Laurie Toby Edison and Dehhie Notkin for their book, Women En Large, which "tells the stories of real life fatsos in words

Miss Jackson, who practices in Birmingham, says she has come across cases of 1en and a half stone women being turned down for jobs on account of their size. It is a situation she is desperate to change. I want to make discrimination against fat

people as unacceptable as dis-crimination against gay people." Successful fat women do exist. Larger-than-life characters such as Vanessa Feltz, the chat show host, and the comediennes Jo Brand and Dawn

models. And recently Jennifer Paterson, a freelance cook and Spectator columnist, and Clarissa Dickson Wright, a former harrister turned Edinburgh cookery bookshop owner, hurst onto our screens with their weekly BBC2 cooking show, Two Fat Ladies.

But more often than not. women succeed in spite of their size. And according to Miss Jackson, society is becoming increasingly hiased against overweight women. "It's far more widespread than we realise," she wouldn't have been told they were fat are now being discriminated against." She has problems persuading anyone to take up their case in the courts. "One of the problems is that many people think it's a matter of shame to he excluded on account of one's weight."

Ali Farrelly, 30, a fat women's fashion stylist and member of the Fat Women's Group, is also exhibiting her work today. In her crusade against "body fas-cism", Ms Farrelly plans to reshoot classic advertisements such as the Calvin Klein photograph of Kate Moss lying naked using women double her size, but she is worried about copyright."If I use the name Vogue with a size 20 model, they are going to sue the pants off me. I'll have to say it's an 'art oject'. I'm sure Andy Warhol didn't get sued by Camphell's.

"I want to use higger women. Normal women. I want to have women who've got freckles. women who've got stretch marks, a mole on their stomach or an operation scar, All those things, people feel they've got to cover up.

But Ms Farrelly, who weight 15 and a half stone, is having difficulty finding volunteers. "I am the only one modelling so far. I think people think I'm a big exhibitionist, but it's not like



Weighty images: Vanessa Feltz, the chat-show host and (above, right) Beryl Cook's painting Song and Dance and (bottom, right) a



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shouldn't be ignored. Dawn French She fitted into my largest armchair as It it had been built round her by someone

who knew they were wearing armchairs tight round the hips this season. PG Wodehouse, Jeeves and the



Hefty folk weigh in bigger say

While in New York and California slim and bady-conscious are the watchwords, the proportion of America for which fat is the norm is ever wider. In 1981, 25 per cent were obese; the North American Association for the Study of Obesity recently beard that, under a new method of gauging fitness, 59 per cent of men and 49 per cent of women fell into the fat category.

On present trends, 75 per cent uf Americans will be obese by 2050;

Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, says by 2230 they will all be obesc. The National Centre for Health Statistics says television "zappers" may have helped create the problem and suggests advice on television about diemand exercise is no match for the hoge, fatty helpings served in the country's restaurants. This has a penalty: the direct and indirect costs of obesity total nearly 10 per cent of

sick-care costs in the West. There is evidence the fat are still discriminated against. Research by Duke University says a businessman will earn \$1,000 (£660) a year less for every one pound he is overweight. But the growing strength uf the "fat" voice has meant a burgeoning of

support groups. Many ask whether thin is better. The fat-acceptance movement advises on "fuller-figure outfitters", which airlines are "big-friendly" and even which cinemas allow you to watch from your own specially imported chair. The US National Association for the Advancement of Fat Acceptance recently demanded changes to the Eddie Murphy film The Nutty Professor, saying the portrayal of the 30-stone teacher was demeaning to fat people: Their complaints were based on the script: "We haven't seen the movies said a spokesman. The

Second pay-per-view bout in British television exceeds expectations

Tyson-Holyfield fight set to land BSkyB £5m

Mathew Horsman Media Editor

More than 250,000 people have already agreed to pay £9.95 each for the right to watch the televised WBA heavyweight cham-pionship boxing match tonight on Sky television hetween titleholder Mike Tyson and

Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas, The pay-per-view hout, the second in British television history, could attract 500,000 viewers by the time the event begins

That is still less than the 660,000 who paid to see Tyson fight British hero Frank Bruno carlier this year, when pay-perview was launched.

But sources at BSkyB. Rupert Murdoch's satellite broadcaster, and at cable operators around the country, said the take-up levels were much bet-

said one cable executive.

Industry sources said last night the results proved the viability of pay-per-view televi-sion. Many critics had suggested viewers would be unwilling to pay more than their basic subription for pay-TV events. Sky viewers already spend as

much as £26.99 a month to get 40 channels, including premium sport and movies, with cable subscribers paying even more. Subscribers to Sky's sport channels will be able to see

Prince Naseem hattle Remigio Molina, of Argentina, for the world featherweight championship, starting tonight at

ter than anticipated. "We ex- will follow. The British bouts of 500,000, not counting viewpected far less interest without will be "free" to those who ers in pubs and theatres, BSkyB a British fighter in the match," already receive the Sky premistands to earn about £5m from

Thereafter, screens will go hlank for those who have not paid their pay-per-view fee, although BSkyB said last night that orders will be taken at the premium price of £14.95 even after the US fight hegins. Cable companies are also

carrying the pay-per-view event, with viewers asked to ring a special number to arrange for the signal to be unscrambled. Subscribers in most franchises owned by Nynex CableComms will be able to order the event using their remote controls, through new technology in use for the first time in the UK.

9:20pm.

The Steve Collins-Nigel
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Bingham-Ronald Wright battle

Both Sky and cable operators
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According to industry insiders, pay-per-view is expected to be the fastest growing market for pay-TV, currently worth about £1bn.

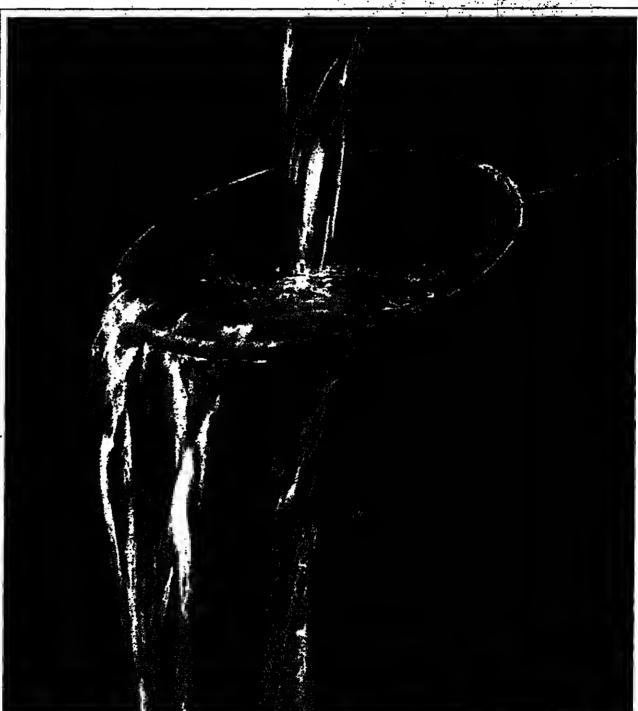
In the US, the market has posted disappointing growth rates. However, industry leaders in the UK say the products on offer have been priced too high - in some cases double the £10 or so set here.

Next year, BSkyB intends to launch a digital service, with as many as 60 channels dedicated

to pay-per-view.

Both sport and movies are expected to form part of the package, with prices for movies set at about £2-£3 per view, about the price of a hired video.

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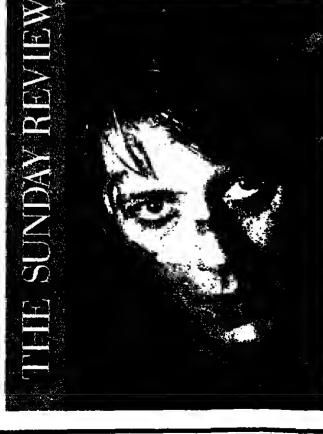


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The round, yellow domes of Qasr al Amra melt into the sand surrounding them as you drive away. And the black basalt fort at Azraq glowers out, forbidding, a few miles down the road. Here; as at Qasr Hababat to the North, the

holidays Spectacularly deserted

Annie Caulfield in eastern Jordan

Ou see Petra? Wadi Rum? Omayyeds took over a Roman fortifica-Aqaha?" Kids trying out this in Jordan. And of course you want to see Petra, Wadi Rum, Aqaba - the north to south line that's the route through the country's most famous treasures. But there is the other bit of Jordanthat sticks out to the East, It looks near empty on the map, so stark there's even

a town that's just a map reference, H5. The Eastern Desert is full of Bedouin who aren't as tourist-sharp as those down south, and they pursue their traditions with little more than a nod of friendly curiosity to the outside world. Then there are the miles of desert. Not beautiful, colourful and piled with spectacular giant rock formations like the famed Wadi Rum. This is the sort of desert people stagger about in going mad - endlessly the same hleak, fawn scruh.

A hire car is the best way out here. On the road from Amman to Azraq, you pass a string of intriguing desert complexes. First is Qasr Kharana, the only desert castle that would seem to have been huilt by the Ommayed, the first Islamic dynasty, for purely defensive purposes. Others, like Tuba. Mushatta and particularly Qasr al Amra are places that tell you a lot more about the Omayyed dynasty lifestyle.

around the 8th century, battled the Byzantines out of power and made themselves an empire in the region, with Damascus as their capital. The remote castles were places of retreat from their own civilisation, to ensure their desert ways weren't lost. Horses were raced, game was hunted with falcon, saluki dogs and trained cheetahs. They were also havens of off-duty fun - with music, dancing girls and luxury bathing facilities. The walls and ceilings of Qasr Al Amra leap with colourful frescoes of hunting scenes, hirds, flowers and very unveiled ladies. There are pictures of conquered enemies and, for more relaxing

tax). Cheaper flights through discount agents: Traiffinders (0171-938 thoughts, the inside of one of the domes is painted with a map of the heavens with 3366) on Olympic stars in zodiacal constellations. Airways via Athens for £252, or on Cyprus Airways via Lamaca for £279 through Jetline (0171-360 1111).

tion and did it up a bit with baths and a their English always ask you mosque. They used it as a military headquarters and also as a hunting lodge.

Until very recently, this area was green and almost swampy; game was plentiful. The underground water has been pumped away to Amman, helping the city greatly but ridding Azrak of flocks of migrating birds and indigenous wild animals. There's a nature reserve with ostrich and ibex, but it's no longer the sumptuous oasis Lawrence of Arabia found when he made

Azrak fort his headquarters in 1917. The very old guard at the fort will show you pictures of his father with Lawrence and the grim black stone room above the gatehouse where Lawrence slept. The massive stone doors and the great boulders of the walls must have looked reassuringly secure to anyone who operated out of Azrak in troubled times. These days, without revolts to rim or quell, the Azraq Resthouse down the road is a more comfortable place to stay. Little terraced cabins are grouped round an outdoor pool and a bar, disconcertingly well stocked with stocky Americans - F16 crews who are based here while protecting Saudi Arabia. Even this isn't as expensive as the hig flash new hotel just on the edge of Azraq town. Are they getting that many posh visitors to the fort they need this whitewashed extravaganza out here in the mid-die of nowhere? And what is it that's some-

how very odd about Azraq town?

got a fine trade in alcohol going for them-selves now. Thirty miles from the Saudi border, every little restaurant has a backroom drinking parlour, every little shop has an under the counter off-licence. The posh botel wasn't built for tourists, it was huilt to accommodate all the Saudis fleeing across the desert for a night of fun. From Azraq, there's a loop road back to Amman that takes in more desert forts and Omayyed fun palaces; or you could drive straight on through desert wastes, see the palaeolithic archaeology sites and get as close as you're likely to get to lraq without an F16. Or you could go right, towards Saudi Arabia and the spectacular view of the desert available from

Getting there: Direct flights are available to Queen Alia airport, about 40 minutes drive south of Amman, with both British Airways (0345 222111) and Royal Jordanian (0171-734 2557), £340 and £350 respectively (inc waiver. You don't need an international drivers' permit to rent, but it is handy to have one if

Getting around: It is Red Tape: Visas to cheaper to book car-hire Jordan are essential for hefore you go. Avis (0990 900500), Hertz British nationals (cost: £27) and are available (0990 996699) and from the Jordanian Budget (0800 181181) Embassy, 6 Upper have offices in Amman. Phillimore Gardens. London WB, in person or by post. Call the The cheapest deal is from Avis, with a Daihatsu Charade for information line 0891 171261 for further £181 per week inclusive of unlimited mileage and collision damage

might not be seeing straight.

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a high watchtower in the nature reserve.

Careful on this road: the flash car drivers

When to go: Spring is generally the best time. Amman has cold winters and hot, dry summers.

Philippa Czernia



The Eastern Desert is full of Bedouin who aren't as tourist-sharp as those in the south PROTOGRAPH. CHRIS CALDICUIT



The curious question of French swimwear

you are stopped by

turning into men's fashion corner, but I must bring you an update on male swimwear in France. You may recall a fortnight ago that the Indepen-dent photographer Brian Harris met his waterborne Waterloo at a camp site swimming pool in France, where he and his son were ejected for wearing baggy

(and hyper-trendy) swimwear. They were transgressing an arcane French law which insists on regular figure-hugging trunks.
Yet the company he travelled with, Eurocamp, says the regulations are not so obscure after all. On page 27 of its Traveller's Guide to France, squeezed between Organised Games and Other

Activities, is a paragraph about the loi. "Water purity regulations insist that camp sites forbid the wearing of shortsstyle swimming trunks (only hrief style trunks are allowed)." The illustration



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Serenade. The modern and elegant features of the vessel, together with its musical theme, make it the most

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Dity the poor traveller arriving hy Eurostar at Waterloo, and hoping to continue the journey by Tube. Anyone who wants to reach the rail termini of Paddington or Marylebone, or pop along to Piccadilly or Oxford Circus for shopping or sightseeing, faces big problems for the next eight months.

From midnight tonight, no trains will run on the Bakerloo Line south of Piccadilly Circus hecause of engineering works. Dismal news for the capital's commuters. But for travellers unfamiliar with London's transport, it promises to he truly hewildering.
Suppose you want to reach Oxford

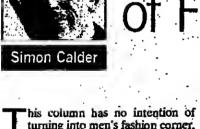
Circus. The Underground offers several suggestions. First, take an ordinary train back down the railway to Vauxhall and change to the Victoria Line – an ohstacle course unsuitable for anyone carrying more than a briefcase. Better catch the "Bakerloo hus" that is replacing the Tuhe. The problem here is that first you have to find your way to the Underground hooking hall and huy a ticket, then return above ground and locate the hus. If instead you find, say. the 176 hus stop and spot a regular hus to Oxford Circus, you must either throw away your newly acquired ticket and huy another one - or risk a £5 fine. I suspect that they may conflict.

even years ago this morning, the Berlin Wall fell; and 24 hours ago I met the unfortunate winner of the competition to celebrate 10 years of the Independent Traveller.

The prize, to use the term loosely, is a trip to East Berlin by independent and economic means, ie mostly hitch-hiking. But even before our planned journey to Berlin began, things went badly wrong. On Wednesday morning I went to the Ger-man tourist board in London, only to find that the office does not open until an unGermanic 12 noon. The maps that were promised had not arrived by the time I left, clutching only 1976 autobahn map.

The trip was to have begun with a rail/ship crossing as far as the German border. Sadly, when I tried to book the cheap £49 ticket all the seats were full. The next fare up was more expensive than flying - at least to Holland. So we hegan by flying from London City airport to Rotterdam. The winner, Alison Clements of Maidstone, bravely turned up at the airport despite a fear of flying. I also learned that she has never hitch-hiked before, even though we face a 400-mile hike

across northern Europe. Our reports on the ordeal - sorry, adventure - will appear next Saturday.



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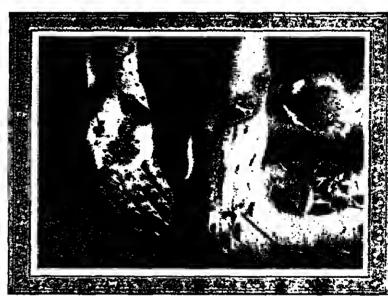
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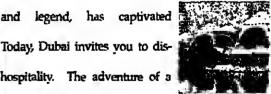
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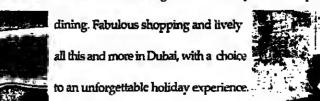
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Cooking of the highest order

Chalet girls (and boys) are shedding their amateur image. By Stephen Wood



Prospective chalet boys learning new skills at Bruton School for Girls

seekers and rugby players, chalet girls have a new, professional sta-tus. True, the fact that they are now "Chalet Reps" is partly thanks to the influx of males to the profession; but it can't be long before De Montfort University is offering a BA course in Chalet Management for the Leisure Industry. Already, this year, Crystal Holidays has launched a series of chalet cookery courses, and you only have to watch the students labouring intently on the correct procedure for dicing onions to see what damage is being done to the old, amateur principles.

Crystal hires about 300 staff for its chalate constant and the old. its chalets every year. It interviews applicants in bulk, up to 45

the ski instructor's Action

Man are over. Like job

at a time, in day-loog sessions involving group work and role playing. "We can tell very quickly whether they are suitable," says the company's chalets reps man-ager for the Tareotaise region of France, Rebecca Saxby. "It's a question of personality - how they deal with people, how they present themselves."

The problem is that you need more than an outgoing personal-ity to prepare dinner for 20 people. In the past, Crystal has suggested to applicants who can't cook that they take a course such as those at the Prue Leith or Lucie Claytoo schools. But the courses are expensive; and they put more stress on piping-hag skills than is required for high-carbohydrate chalet meous.

So this year Crystal has recommended its own courses. For £190, students got a week's specialised chalet-cookery training, plus tips oo other appropriate skills such as toilet cleaning, placating difficult customers, and getting the resort reps to deal with any really tricky problems. Everybody who completed the course - the pass rate was 100 per cent - was guaranteed a job for the season as a chalet rep. According to my map, Bruton in

Somerset, where the five-day

he days when a chalet girl's courses have been held, is some-role was to play Barbie to where between 50 and 100 metres where between 50 and 100 metres above sea level. It didn't seem ideal for a class on "Cake baking at altitude". But although the cake haking was practical, the "altitude" element turned out to be theoretical: cookery tutor Paul Jeffrey explained that the low-pressure mountain environment plays such havoc with cooking temperatures and times that even boiling an egg becomes a matter of trial-anderror (he suggests sacrificing six eggs for experimental purposes).
Basic sea-level principles, how-

ever, applied to most of the cook-ery nution. The daily agenda for the 25 studeots, divided into teams of two plus Sam (reduced to a rather peripheral role by being temporarily on crutches), involved producing two dinner menus from Paul Jeffrey's Crystal cookery book. First there was a lecture (how to slice an aubergine, how to caramelise condensed milk by boiling the onopened tin for three hours without getting a sticky mess on the kitchen coiling), delivered by Paul Jeffrey in a jaunty style probably unfamiliar to the three students opposite me on the big table, fresh from degree courses in ioternational relatioos, classics

and geography.

Then everybody trooped off to the domestic scieoce wing of Bru-ton School for Girls - on their halfterm holiday - to get stuck in, on my visit, to "Milanzano all Parmigeaoa", salmon steaks and

lemoo meringue pie. It was remarkable how seriously the students took their work. I'd guess that Alex (BA, Durham University; heading for a career in financial management) takes most things seriously: he had seen five different ski companies before reps what's for supper: they are plumping for Crystal, because of the cookery course and the chalet grounds that there'll always he reps' perks - which include free skis and boots in the resort. But Paul (travel bum: previous engagemeots at Camp America, and working for a night-cluh in Ibiza) showed just as much application to his ooion-dicing, apparently keen to score as high on cookery as he

must have done on personality in his interview. Paul and his cooking mate, Katie, made my lunchtime vegetarian special: it was delicious, certainly the best meal I've ever eaten in a school.

The degree of commitment probably reflected the fact that on this, the last of Crystal's three courses (there will be more next year), the students were potentially only a month away from living in the Alps, making a lot of new friends, and skiing to their hearts' content - a particularly motivating prospect for Paul, who has never skied in his life. The pay, on the other hand, is not much to write home about: £56 per week. of which £1 t is held back until the end of the season because, as Rebecca Saxby says, "when they've only got two weeks to go, the snow is getting slushy, and all they've got to look forward to is cleaning up the chalet, they might otherwise be

the chalet, they might otherwise be tempted to disappear."

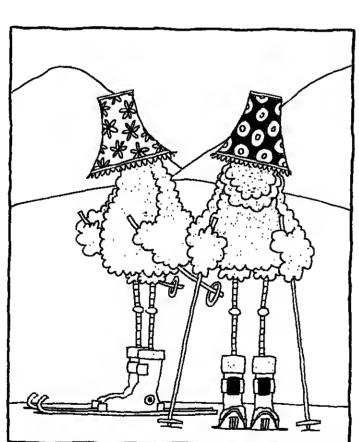
Before I disappeared from Bruton, I ate some good low-altitude cake and watched a role-playing session (part of what Rehecca Saxby calls the "Crystallisation" process) in which the students acted out – and attempted to resolve – difficult moments in a chalet per slife. The tall attractive chalet rep's life. The tail, attractive woman who had studied drama (why didn't I get her name?) used her skills to play a bricklayer who had trashed the chalet; Steve, just out of the Marines and, at 31, older than most of the other students, played a rep in a toilet-eleaning dispute with a colleague. It would be a shame, after my

day's research, not to pass on what I learned to those of you who are skiing Crystal this year. So here are a few tips. Don't ask the chalet taught not to answer, on the someone who says "Oh, I don't like that". Expect boeuf bourguignon wheo you arrive, because as Paul Jeffrey says it "keeps going all day", which is helpful if there are travel delays. And don't be sur-prised if your chalet reps seem particularly well-trained this year.

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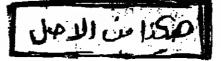
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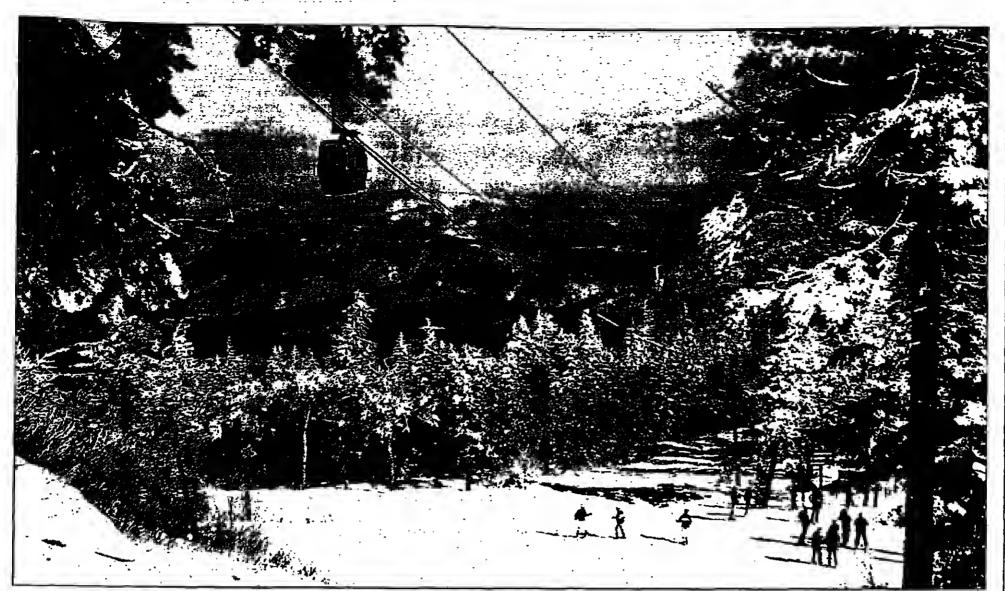
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Killington in Vermont has the longest lift in the US, and the longest trail - 16km for a drop of 945m

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Skiing for New England

Chris Gill on the virtues of skiing in the US

be British appetite for skiing in the States seems insatiable. We 1980s, when for three years in a row the Alps failed to deliver the raw material falls. I also enjoyed the quietest pistes: of skiing - snow. We duly found snow . - and had a damn good time.

It didn't matter that even the higgest ski areas weren't big enough to compete with the mega-resorts of Europe, buge. Even Killington, the biggest, is and that the mountain restaurants no rival for Vail or Mammoth. But, like offered little more than rehydration facilities. The hotels and apartments. were splendidly comfortable, the resorts (which means the people) refreshingly cheerful and efficient.

Back in the 1980s, we went first to Colorado, dominated by super-smart Vail and Aspen. Good skiers went on to discover the next-door states of Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico. Then, winter surpluses of accommodation and scheduled flights combined to make holidays in California a compelling bargain. And now much the same formula is attracting Brits by the thousand to the opposite extremity the New England states of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

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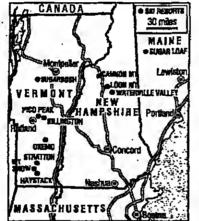
The standard view from the privileged heights of Colorado is that New England, like California, has rubbish snow; but few European visitors would agree. Powder to rival the best of the Rockies is certainly rare in the low-altitude seaside climate of New England. But many resorts get just as much snow as typical Colorado resorts, the region's famously low temperatures allow snowmaking on a grand scale, and the snow that's made is a revelation to someone used to the Alpine imitation.

I enjoyed some of the best piste conditions of the season in New England first started to go there in seri- last winter, only a couple of weeks after ous numbers at the end of the the disastrous thaw that followed the region's headline-making January snowmost Americans go for the weekend, and midweek in the quieter resorts you may literally have a run all to yourself.

It is true that the ski areas are not most American resorts, they pack in a lot of skiing (and variety). The runs don't lack length - several areas have verticals of over 800m (on a par with Keystone) and most have over 600m (matching Breckenridge). Nor do they lack challenge: most of New Eng-land's double-black-diamond slopes are steeper than any piste you're likely to find in the Alps.
If you're worried about monotony,

the obvious answer to is to visit more than one resort. Packages routinely include a car - in many resorts, you'll want one anyway to get the best out of your stay - and it's easy to get around the region either on day trips from a fixed base or on a tour of two or three different resorts. And getting around is rewarding; you drive through neat little towns and ramshackle hamlets, with classic country stores selling maple syrup alongside gasoline, and past picture-book frozen lakes with

people fishing on the ice. The best-known resorts are in Vermont. Killington, more or less in the middle of the state, is the largest mountain in the East, whether gauged



(915 acres), vertical drop (970m) or top altitude (1290m). It has the longest lift in the US, and the longest trall - 16km for a drop of 945m (just steep enough to keep you moving). The resort has no focus, but is widely spread along the road up to the skiing and around its base. The car parks of the bars and restaurants dotted along the road fill up from mid-afternoon, beralding the liveliest aprèr-ski scene in New England, and perhaps in the States.

South of Killington are several smaller resorts, each with skiing on the flanks of a single peak - too limited for a week, but worth considering for outings or combination into a tour. Okemo, the nearest, aims mainly for the family market. You can stay in condominiums among the trees lining the lower slopes, or down the road in the in trail length (120km), skiable area town of Ludlow. Stratton is a smart

modern development with a pedestrian of modern slopeside accommodation modern lifts - though most of the accommodation is a short drive away. Stratton calls itself "snowboarding capital of the East", but Mount Snow

linked by a long up-and-over chair-lift. lower slopes; higher up, the direct runs are seriously steep. There are condominiums (and a good sports centre) in Sugarbusb Village at the base, but most of the accommodation

is a drive away in historic Waitsfield. The town of Stowe is a classic New England charmer, its main street lined by dinky clapboard buildings (though much of the accommodation is dotted along the 15-minute drive out to the mountain). The ski area is dominated by the famous Front Four - a row of seriously steep double-black-diamond runs. But there is plenty of intermediate and easy stuff, too, especially in the separate Spruce Peak sector. Stowe has excellent cross-country centres (including the musically famous

Trapp Family Lodge). Smugglers' Notch is just over the hill. Its ski area is spread over three satisfyingly varied hills, with some real challenges on the highest one as well as long easy runs for confidence-building. But it is as a family resort than

shopping street at the foot of the slick and an impressive range of services and distractions for kids; they even get a special jolly version of the trail map.

The most interesting resorts of New Hampshire are clustered around the claims its 900m-long snowboard park is the higgest in the East.

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North of Killington are three Most are mainly of intermediate diffiresorts more appealing to the long- culty, with less to challenge the good stay European visitor. Sugarbush is a skier than in Vermont. Cannon is a ski fast-developing resort with one of area and nothing more, with two base minutes' drive away in Franconia or Lin-The easy skiing is confined to the coln. Just outside sprawling Lincoln is Loon, a small smart, modern resort with some accommodation at the foot of the slopes. Waterville Valley is a compact ski area with runs dropping either side of a broad, gentle ridge. The village is a Disneyesque affair a couple of miles away, down on the flat valley bottom.

The main resorts of Maine are bigger and more varied. Sunday River spreads impressively across a broad mountain range, with (at the last counr) eight liftserved peaks. It's great cruising terrain. with broad well-spaced runs; there are very extensive easy slopes, but also plenty of challenges higher up. There is a lot of accommodation inoffensively spread around the base areas.

Although rather isolated Sugarlnaf covers a broad mountainside with a great deal of tree skiing. From glnriously long easy runs at the base, the slopes get steeper as you go up. ending in short but serinus double-blacks descending from open snowfields. The smartly modern reson spreads around the base; for New England charm, you

The rail alternative for skiers

By Christian Wolmar

have a dream. I want to get on a train at Waterloo station, go to sleep, and wake up as we pult into one of those quaint stations in the Savoie valley in the French Alps from which the ski slopes are barely an hour's hus ride 1 wouldn't mind if t could also arrive at St Anton nr Innsbruck by the same method.

Travelling by train has many advantages. The

nther main ways to travel - by plane, followed by a ling coach ride, and by road - leave you exhausted. The plane/coach combination is the wirst. We became infuriated with 4am starts and lengthy coach rides. And why do they make no effort in give you half a day's skiing on the first day? Instead there's a lengthy lunch stop at some soulless mall in the valley. So, for the past five years, we have gone by train to Savoic.

Many resorts are accessible by train. Most large French Atpine skiing areas are within an hour's coach ride from a station, in Austria, St Anton and Innsbruch can be reached overnight from Paris. The way to get to Austria is to take Eurostar in the evening to Paris, have a nice meal and get the Aarlberg Express from Paris Est which reaches St Anton station - right in the middle of the resort - just after 7.3tlam next day.

For France, there is still the old method of

taking the ski train from Calais, after a ferry ride over the Channel. This is pretty gruesome. The ferry is prone to delays, and the trains seent to be trundled out of SNCF's museum for the sole purpose of transporting British skiers. The coaches have the irritating habit of being plunged in darkness just as you are tucking into your bagueties - there are no dining cars, only a spit-and-sawdust disco where holiday romances hegin (and, on the way back, end).

So go, instead, by the Channel Tunnel which offers two ways of getting to Bourg St Maurice, Gervais and Briançon: daytime high-speed trains or overnight sleepers - both available front 17 December to 20 January for £144 from French Railways. The daytime trains take nine hours or so to get to Bourg St Maurice with just a change in Lille. Stupidly, this involves a short coach journey between the twn Lille stations: the French transport system is still not totally integrated. Or, for a few extra quid you can change in Paris, with a short metro ride through the city from Gare du Nord to Gare de Lyon.

This year, you can also take an overnight sleeper from Lille to the Alps, with the great advantage of two extra days' skiing (both Saturdays in the resort). Eight days skiing is so much better than six, which make you feel it's time to go home almost as you get there. The only extra cost is the ski pass for the two days and the price of a nice meal at one of the excellent restaurants that surround every station.

So far, though, SNCF dnes not seem in have got its act together to create these through links. At Easter last year, we wanted to take the train via Lille hut were told that the special ski train would not run after the end of March. So 50 of us trailed our equipment through Paris at 9pm on Good Friday in get the overnight from Gare de Lyon, and I am going to have to repeat the experience this year even though we are going at Christmas because, amazingly, SNCF is not running a train that weekend.

As for my dream of direct trains. Eurostar say that they may try a few runs of daytime trains towards the end of the season; the journey would take around eight hours. But the night stock, in be used for overnight journeys on routes such as Glasgow to Paris, will be available for winter 1997/8. Tour operators are lining up to buy space. All sorts nt possibilities are being considered, such as weekend overnight trips and daytime journeys, but Eurostar, like SNCF, does not seem to have realised the potential of ski trains. And technical problems mean it will probably not be until the 1998/9 season that the train comes into its own for most skiers.

Details: French Railways (0181-880 8162, or 0990

"Smuggs" has won awards. It bas lots can stay 15 miles away in Kingfield.

How to hit the piste running

Skiers - and anyone else keen ro reach New England in winter - can benefit from air fares that are even better rhan the usual seasonal lows. Discount agents are selling flights until mid-December, and from early January, for £200-£250 to New York, and a little more to Boston. These prices include taxes of around £25, not always stated on advertisements. Since these are scheduled flights, skis can travel with you as part of the normal luggage allowance instead of incurring an extra charge.

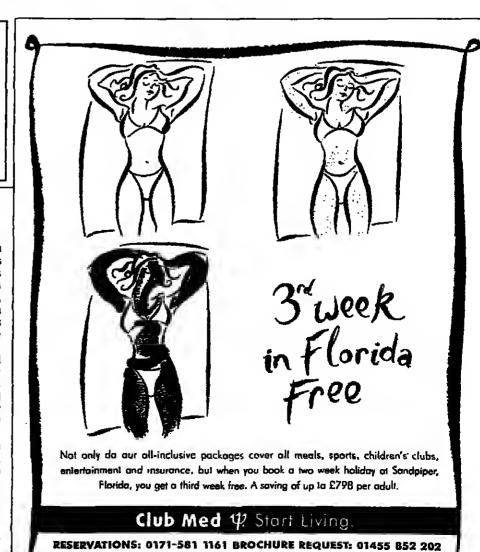
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fast-flowing River Bollin would give him the water power that he needed, Greg started construction of a four-storey mill. A little later, he built an apprentice house for child labourers indentured from the workhouses, a mansion for his family, and made improvements and additions to the nearby agricultural village of Styal, to provide housing for his workers. The mill was later extended, not only by Samuel Greg, hut also by his descendants, who continued making cotton until 1959.

The mill now houses an impressive museum where the story of the cotton industry is told via a series of hands-on displays, reconstrucattendants in period costume.

The visitors

Barbara Roads, a primary school teacher went to Quarry Bank Mill with her husband, Jim, a librarian, daughter, Emily, 16, and her sister. Janet Marsden, a freelance writer.

Janet: Coming from an industrial part of West Yorkshire, my primary school history lessons were domi- wages, you start to get a feel for the nated by accounts of the effects of way they lived - and laboured.



tions and live demonstrations by The story of cotton, and exploitation of children, is told through a series of displays and reconstructions Photograph: Janet Marsden

of the Luddites. That part of British social history is particularly well documented at Quarry Bank Mill. I especially liked the photoexhibition. When you stand eyeball-to-eyeball with one of the millwrights who looked after the water wheel and see the pathetically small metal cups in which he and his fellow workers collected their

the Industrial Revolution and tales Emily: I have to do a project on Quarry Bank Mill as part of my GCSE course in history, so I went to suss the place out in advance of a school trip. I liked the Apprengraphs in the Mill Workers' World . tice House the best. The lady in costume who took us round told us a lol of interesting things - like the fact that Samuel Greg prefetred girl workers to boys because they were less trouble, but that he didn't like red-heads because he thought they were the devil's children.

I did find it difficult to believe that

up to 90 children at any one time lived logether in the house. The hedroom was really small for that number and I couldn't imagine sleeping there in the winter without any heating or electricity and on lumpy, straw-filled mattresses.

Jim: The story of cotton starts on the upper floors and you work your way downwards from there, ending up in the weaving sheds

was a notice warning visitors not to stay in there too long because of the excessive noise. I soon found myself mesmerised by the process.

Despite the clattering of the

looms, you are also aware of a low rumbling beneath your feet, which comes from the 24-feet diameter water wheel directly below. Up until my visit to Quarry Bank, I'd only ever seen a picturesque wooden water wheel at a flour where the finished product comes mill. This was altogether different. off the machines. Although there Luckily, you can get to see it at close

quariers, via a viewing platform in the wheel pit.

Barbara: I found myself homing in on all aspects of mill life as it would have affected the children. When you're standing next to the spinning mules in operation, you can see for yourself how dangerous the work must have been for the small children who used to follow the moving carriages, twisting together broken threads and crouching under the machines to clean them.

The deal

Quarry Bank Mill 101625 5274681 Location: Follow the signs from Junction 5 of the M56 or from Wilmslow town centre,

Winter opening times: 11am-5pm. Closed Mondays, Tours of Apprentice House are at half-hourly intervals and start at 11.30am Entrance (mill and apprentice

museum): adults, £4.50; concessions/children, £3.20; family ticket. £10 12 adults, 2 children), Wheelchair users and one carer are admitted free of charge, as are National Trust members.

Access: There is limited access for wheelchair users - hence free admission. Free huggy park with back packs available to carry babies and toddlers.

Catering facilities: The Mill Kitchen has self-service meals, hot drinks, home-made cakes and salad har. The Pantry offers drinks and sweets only. Toilets: Centrally located. Facilities for disabled. Parent and baby room. Education: The Education Resource Centre caters for school parties with tailor-made courses to suit requirements. Education packs are available, such as one on Victorian Britain at Key Stage 2, together with resources for older children, studying at GCSE level.

Furthcoming attractions: The Great Plum Pudding Mystery Trail: 7, 8 and 14, 15 December.

Janet Marsden

Are we nearly there?

Children's libras

The London Film Festival previews Rould Dahl's Matikla today. The film is just the latest in a new wave of intelligent. children's movies on general release. They have good storylines and high production values, that leave Lasse in the shade. Watch our for the release next month of Hollywood's Christmas spectacular - 101 Dalmations, with Glenn Close as a gorgeously evil Cruella de Vil.

The Adventures of Pinocchio

This live-action version of Carlo Collodi's fairy rale has puppers from Jim Henson's Creature shop and the latest post-Tay Story digital technology.

Alaska (PG): Charlton Heston plays a big game poncher in this Disrey eco-thriller for a slightly older audience. Good teen performances, a cute polar bear cub and breathtaking

Dragonheart (PG t: More computer-generated special effects in this tale of a medieval Knight (Dennis Quaid) travelling the countryside with the world's last dragon, Draco, viviced by Sean Connery.

A Goofy Movie: Mickey's gangling side-kick gets a movie all to himself in this full length musical carrivon which sees Goofy taking his offspring to the country for a spot of lather-son

James and the Giant Peach | Ut Joanna Lumley and Miriam Margoyles give splendid camees as James' spiteful aunts Spunge and Spiker in this part-animaled film about an orphan and the insects he befriends.

The Wind in the Willows (PG): Terry Jones' poorh; received live action version of the Kenneth Grahame classic, with a greenfaced director as Toad.

Roald Dahl's Matilda (PG): Danny De Vito directed and stars in this knockabout screen adaptation of Dahl's book, which retains all the rude nastiness that children love so

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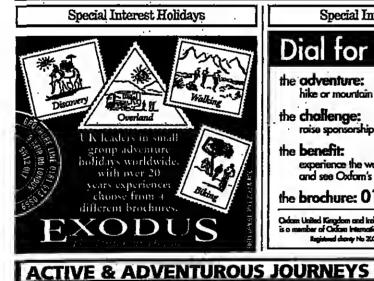
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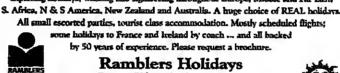
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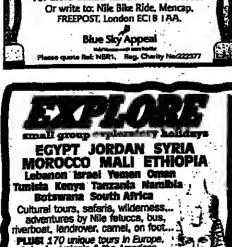
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Yew versus Non-Yew

In Britain, garden styles are decided by social class, says James Bartholomew

ifferent garden styles have always interested me far more than the borticulture itself. The style is the first thing to be decided upon when taking on a garden, or so it seems to me - hefore the cuttings, the rooting powder or the compost heap.

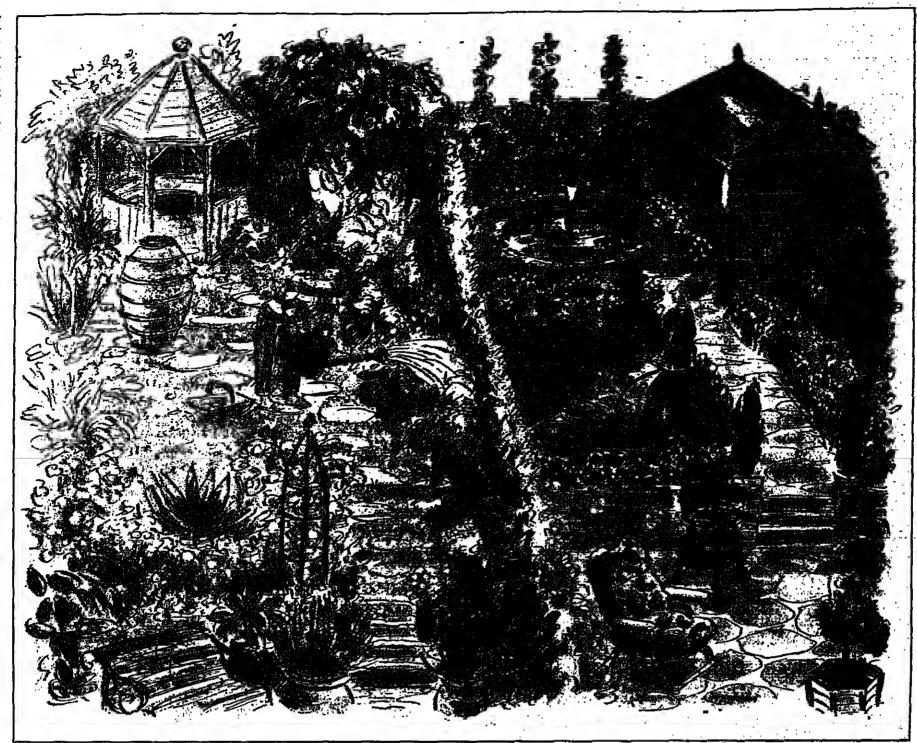
Prohably most people do not consciously decide on the style of their gardens. They do not write in their diaries: Today, I have decided to design my garden in the style of Oehme and Sweden, the modernist American team". or, "Dan Pearson, move aside. Today I have decided to make mine the most jungly garden this side of North Africa." A few really keen gardeners with time on their hands may behave like this, but not the

Most people simply go along with a style that reflects their own cultural and social hackgrounds. Italian people plant Italian-style gardens. Japanese people plant stones. And British people plant ... Well, they do not plant British gardens, since there is no such thing as one British style, Britain - as politicians regularly remark - is still divided into different social groups.

Our class system is reflected, perhaps even exaggerated, in the dif-ferent ways in which we garden. This is still a country of "two nations". each with its own culture and values. Some of us take holidays in the Dordogne, aghast at the thought that others of us are in Torremolinos. One section of society likes discreet hunting pictures. Another prefers that print of a glamorous, dark, oriental woman that was available at Woolworth's for many years. Similarly each of these groups has a dif-ferent gardening style: the U and Non-U, or, rather, as I call it, the Yew and Non-Yew.

Both of these styles are con-stantly evolving. I have an old book called Garden Ornament which shows just how dreadful (to modern taste) most upper-class gardens were at the turn of the century. They combined Italian formality with Victorian bedding-out. Although widespread, this style was already on the way out. The way to the future had been shown by William Robinson, Gertrude such as Penelope Hobbouse, Roselekyll and Reginald Blomfield, many Verey and, indeed, Anna towards the turn of the century.

Pavord, who normally writes in this possible for the low. Within the borders, do with the Yew gardener's taste for materials. If, incidentally, this gar-The first two argued for the natural look: real plants, allowed to grow in drifts. The later argued for a return to a more formal look, with knot gardens and the like.



Pavord, who normally writes in this space. The style is a mixture of formal layout and informal planting.

Modern upper-class gardens vary, but the classic of the type has a formal layout near the house. This bord is more welcome than Rosa The synthesis between their is kept in scale with the size of the opposing views is the basis of mod- house itself - otherwise it might am upper-class garden style. It is (horror of horrors) be considered exemplified by contemporary gurus pretentious. The formal lines are modern hybrids is hecause they to be restful, harmonious and in Yew gardener is more practical. He stone benches on which the upper Anna Pavord is on holiday

Bobby Charlton' or 'Sexy Rexy', on

the basis of its name alone.

species plants or old varieties are the past and a determination not to den happens to reinforce the gar-preferred; they are considered more be associated with "garish" or dener's self-image as a squire or a

The upper-class gardener has a cred not unpleasing. bord' is more welcome than Rosa certain idea of what he or she wants a garden to do. Gertrude

"natural". Their names are pre- (worst of all) "suburban" displays. lady of the manor, that is consid-

- it is more often a he than among the upper classes - wastes no time in constructing a built-in barbecue to go alongside the substantial patio (made of pre-cast concrete slabs moulded to look like York stone - cheaper and less shippery The other half of the gardening than the real thing). On the patio, world makes completely different steel loungers coated with white Bartholomew is published by Century Jekyil defined it as trying to create demands of a garden. Untroubled poly-something-or-other provide at £9.99. In theory, the prejudice against a picture. This picture is required by aristocratic longings, the Non-real comfort (unlike the wood and

the latest, best, most colourful hybrids devised. What is more, they mix the colours together.
Upper-class gardeners adored powerful colour in Victorian times, but have now lost the stomach for it. Non-Yew gardeners have picked up where the upper classes left off. Wholly immune to colour nauses, they feel that colour is good, there-Look through any edition of the weekly Gardening News for a positive colour-drenchis

I wrote along such lines in creating what I hope is a mildly humorous book about these contrasts in modern gardening styles (including a questionnaire for each reader to find his or her place on the horticultural scale). I had expected objections to the detail. I confess that I had not expected certain eminent members of the gardening establishment to jump up and claim that I was writing about a phenomenon that did not exist at all. "Absolute bunkum," one was reported to have said. Rosemary Verey said that the true differences in style were, instead, those between town and country gardens (an assertion, perhaps, not wholly unconnected with the fact that she has a book out on country gardens). Alan Titchmarsh said it was all a matter of fashion; snobbery was unknown.

I will defend my position. I call as my witnesses pink pampas grass, and multicoloured, oversize, hybrid dahlias and chrysanthemums, I ask them, "Where do you live? Do you come from a smart front garden in Kensington? Are you based at Sissinghurst or Hidcote? Are you anywhere in Rosemary Verey's own garden in Gloucestershire, with its discreet knot garden and avenue of pleached hombeam?"

I think not. These plants will attest that they reside in suburbs. towns and villages (fashionable and unfashionable) tended by gardeners who are usually far more knowledgeable than their upper-class equivalents. The plants will say they are well looked after, colourful and bold. They have no preabsolutely fantastic.

When Rosemary Verey grows them I will eat my gumboots.

How do you fight slime-trailing pests?

Scientists are on the trail of more environmentally-friendly ways of killing slugs. Helen Lewis reports

extinction. For years the dedrellets in blissful ignorance, conigainst slime-trailing pests. How-ever, a vocal chorus of "hazardous o wildlife" is causing the slug pel-

et to come under intense scrutiny. It appears that the pellet's active ngredients - metaldehyde and nside the slug or snail but remain ictive and harmful, not just to

causing decline in Britain's song cated gardener has scattered slug thrush populations, and may also have an impact on mammals and terned only to protect plants birds of prey further up the food

At present there is a so-called wildlife-friendly slug pellet avail-able, based on aluminium sulphate. However, it is easily washed away by rain. Not environmentally sound, nethiocarb - arc not broken down and a hig minus considering that slugs cause most devastation in wet conditions at night. Neverthelomestic pets but also to wildlife less, scientists are changing their

some intriguing solutions.

Allowing certain weeds to grow could protect agricultural crops and well-tended gardens alike from slug damage. Research at Kingston University has shown that slugs eat cultivated plants because there is generally nothing else on the menu; if the pests are offered a diversion in the form of a more appetising meal, they do less harm.

It was found in trials with 12 different weed species that slugs showed a preference for dande-

n essential gardener's such as mice, hedgehogs and birds. tactics away from chemical pest lions, with groundsel the most weapon is threatened with The slug pellet is being accused of control, and have come up with unappetising. Tests using wheat unappetising. Tests using wheat seedlings found damage was almost halved when dandelions were present, compared to wheat only.

Some plants, though, produce their own defence mechanisms against slugs. One research team found that many species of the carrot family triggered nervous activity in slugs, and that the poisonous weed hemlock contains a chemical that curtails their desire to eat. Tests are now being carried out on a synthetic form of that chemical extract, applied as a spray on various crops.

In the meantime, rather than showering the vegetable patch ad lib, try to catch a few slugs to test if enough are present to justify using pellets. The University of Newcastle, in conjunction with the pharmaceutical giant Rhone Ponlene, has carried out experiments to

find the best slug trap.

They tried ceramic tiles, plastic saucers, carpet, black plastic sheet, hardboard, dustbin lids, bricks, egg trays and linoleum. Easily obtained baits were used, such as wheat, potatoes, bran, layers' mash, cabbage, beer, and cat food.

The winning combination was a hardboard square baited with the hen food, layers' mash. This made an ideal way to determine whether enough pests were present to justify pellets being applied.

Perhaps the most revolutionary technique is to water the garden with a solution containing a tiny parasite. Discovered by Long Ashton Research Station, the nematode parasite preys exclusively on molluses and poses no threat to other wildlife. It is killed at temperatures above 25C, therefore will not survive if accidentally eaten by

a warm-blooded predator. One application lasts a season; the parasite dies out during cold weather. For gardens, high-value horticultural crops, and organic farmers forbidden by Soil Association ethics to use chemical methods of control, this is an effective technique. However, it is too costly for general agri-

cultural use. Lastly, a tried and tested method of slug control that costs nothing: Place one hoot, very heavily, straight down on to the pest and twist hard. Leave for the count of 10 seconds and remove.



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The alternative gardener Louise Levene has subversive advice for lazy autumn days ing yearbooks, you should be able to pull back the dining room curtains this morning and gaze upon bright orange rosehips, coppery foliage, autumn crocuses and golden spears of dog-

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wood. But if your garden is. anything like mine the swish of chintz reveals a wasteland of yellow hostas knee-deep in the hope that they will find decomposing leaves. Time to their way to the right address. get weaving. Gardening books usually say that: "fallen leaves should be raked up within a few days". This was all very well when there was a garden boy permanently on hand with a sprung

rake and a wheelbarrow; you

would do better to wait until

the trees have finished shed-

ding. Meanwhile, just keep on

top of the areas that really

ccording to the garden-ing yearbooks, you and ponds. To transform leaves into nourishing leaf mould, shove them into binliners with a few holes poked into the sides and leave to marinate for 12 months. Clear hasement area/front garden of crisp packets, condoms and spent fireworks. Throw footballs over walls randomly, in

> "Plant bare-rooted roses if the ground is not too wet," say the books. In practice, this may mean leaving the roses in the garage until they have died. Resist the temptation to cut back existing roses in colder areas, however awful they look: they could put on new growth during a mild spell

the buddleia and lavatera and knocked young trees into shape, get someone to hide your secateurs or you will he unable to resist over-tidying the garden, cutting off perfectly nice dead flowers and generally giving the place a cheap haircut. Relax.

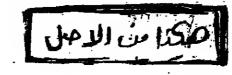
"If a plant is out of place now is the time to shift it", is the yearbook advice. Keep plenty of soil attached to the roots, dig a big hole and water in well. Then wonder if it looked better where it was.

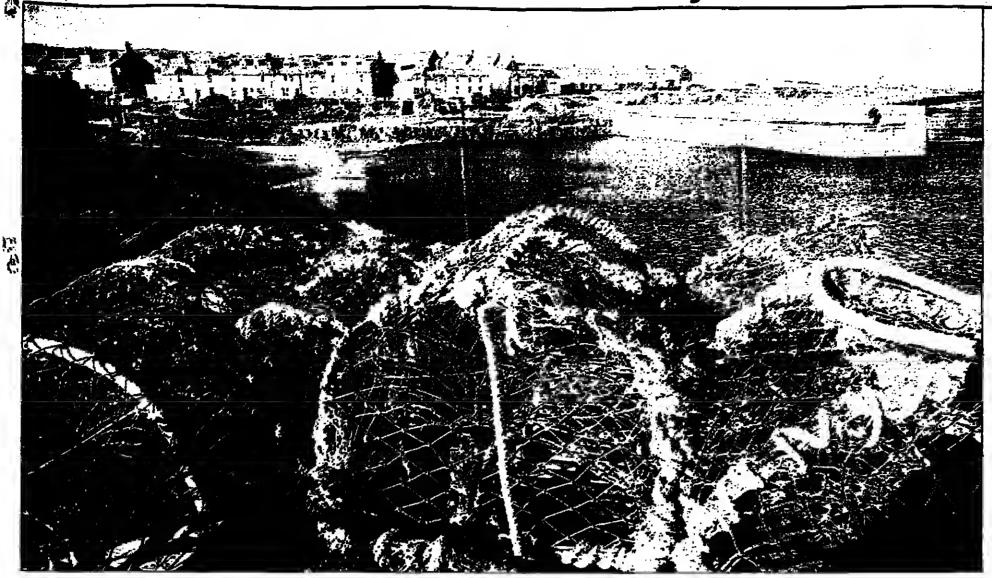
Plant tulips. Then more tulips. Dose liberally with Benlate before planting, to combat disease, and place each bulb on a handful of grit to guarantee decent drainage. Try to plant them behind a decidnous

This may well never happen but at least you will have tried.

Now is the moment to evict the bracken plantation down by the privy. Be prepared for a fight as you untangle its rhizomes from the roots of that sycamore sapling you keep meaning to do something about. Bracken now covers an area the size of Yorkshire. It is also carcinogenic: don't inhale.

Wet leaves and lazy gardeners make this a safe, enjoyable time of year for slugs and snails. Less so for anyone hoping for lupin and digitalis next summer. You could do as one famous gardener suggests, and give dinner party guests a plastic carrier and torch and offer a prize for the biggest bag, but then get caught by the frost. In perennial that will later shoot at slides of Goa than motte most people would rather look fact, once you have cut back up to screen dying foliage. around in a damp shruhbery.





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Matthew Brace walks the Northumbrian coast, from Beadnell to Craster

orthumhria has 65 miles of coastline, from the Scottish border at Berwick-upnn-Tweed to Blyth. Almost this entire length of coast has been classed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. One of the most picturesque stretches is that between the two fishing villages uf Beadnell and Craster.

Leave your car in Craster to tumble into when you finish your walk, and let Northumbria Buses take you from the hus stop upposite the cottages by the pretty horseshoe barbour, up tn

The 20-minute ride follows the road just inland, and gives you a glimpse of what to expect on the walk: a shimmering sea, wild winds and a vast sky.

Beadnell, with its west-facing harbour – caused by a rock soit curling around the headland was once a thriving fishing village hut has now lost almost all its trade. The last Beadnell tisherman. John Dixon. plans to retire this year.

Setting nut nn foot from the bus stop, follow the main road south through the village, along the sea wall, where even on a relatively calm day the waves can pound so hard they throw spray on to the road. The road bears right through a small estate of new houses and leads to a caravan park by the dunes. Here you have three options: either to climb the dunes and

 From Beadnell walk south towards caravan park through new hnusing estate. Go through caravan park and either veer left for the dunes or straight on through the bird sanctuary (following a fence for part of the way).

 If you take the beach, on reaching the stream that crosses the sands, turn inland 200 yards to foothridge. The sanetuary route leads you directly to the bridge.

 Cross the hridge and head across Newton Links dunes path to car park, then take the road to High Newton-by-

 At village green, turn left and follow road for about a mile to Low Newton-by-the-Sea and rejoin the beach. Follow shoreline for one-

and-a-half miles, watch. Where the sand gives way to slippery black rocks, head up through a gully in the dunes to the National Trust

coastal path and turn left.

Follow the path tn Dunstanhurgh, skirning round the base of the castle's rock pedestal and entering frnm the south side.

 From Dunstanhurgh head south along the coast path to Craster, and welcome kippers. Total distance: about 8 miles

behind the dunes. It is worth carrying an Ordnance Survey map in your rucksack, for the paths are not signposted here. All three routes bring you to a wooden bridge across Brunton Burn as it empties into the Bay at a narrow estuary called Long Nanny, half-way along the

beach's crescent.

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From the southern end of the hridge, follow a signposted path across Newton Links, a stretch of National Trust coastline, listening for the mournful cries of

oystercatchers. your shoes, on reaching the car with arguably the best views of park by Newton Links Hnuse any bar in the country. take the road inland a little, to High Newtnn-by-the-Sea and

where you can rejoin the beach. At low tide along this beach - Emhletnn Bay - you may well meet a local shepherd herding his sheep in a neat, tight flock alnng the beach, their hooves leaving a wake of churned sand

behind them.

From the rocks known as Jenny Bells Carr, the daunting silhouetted ruins of Dunstanhurgh Castle Inom on the horizon. Dunstanhurgh was hudt by Thnmas, Earl of Lancaster, in Craster is signposted from the 1313. After his execution for B1340 and B1339, off the AL. treason in 1322, it became a stronghold fur English kings

castrian base, until the Yorkists captured it in 1462.

Enough remains of Dunstanhurth to make it worth stopping for a look, even if this is just an excuse to get nut the tea flask and admire the view from the

castle walls, From there to Craster, the path hugs the stony coast, a flat stretch popular on weekends with strollers from the village out for an afternoon blow along

Close by Craster's harbour is an oak-smoked kipper plant, now in its 90th year. This marks journey's end. Conveniently situated across the road is The To knock some sand out of Jolly Fisherman, a friendly pub

From the lounge bar you can gaze back along the wild sweep then Low Newton-by-the-Sea, of coast you have just walked, or south tn the rock of Longhoughton Steel. Gulls the size of small eagles wheel above the waves, and the rocks are covered with black cormorants dry-

ing their wings in the sun. The landlord, Billy Silk, delivers in the table a pint of Thorne bitter, a bowl of crab soup (laced with cream and whisky) and a plate of kipper pate, and everything seems right in the world.

Northumbria Buses will take you to Beadnell (about £3 one way). against the Scots. During the Timetables from Wars of the Roses, it was a Lan- (0191-375 3000). Timetables from tourist office

The day of the tree

Richard D North reports

he new contender for the role of the standard-bearer of British conservation is the ancient tree. Tell it not in Japan, where they are revered, and you see sprawling, creaking old things, wired and propped up, like elderly people with artificial hips and Zimmer frames. It is the careless Brits who, with less fuss, do ancient trees the best. But they could try harder.

On Monday, English Nature and other tree custodians launch the Veteran Tree Project in Windsor Great Park. Says Ted Green, a forester and a consultant to the park's geriatric oaks: "We've got 80 per cent of the old trees left in Europe." His next point explains our need to make a fuss. "The Germans have just published a book of their top 100 old trees. We baven't. Yet in parts of Britain you can see several hundred in a few hundred acres."

Old trees are a part of our history. Medieval cathedrals and our Navy gobbled up prodigious numbers. The daughters, sisters even, nf the beams of Lincoln Cathedral are still growing in Sberwood Forest. Windsor has trees planted in the 16th century, and they are striplings compared with the old fellows which remain, which may have been saplings when their parents were cleared in make way for grazing.

Many of nur nldest trees are with us because they have been worked hard all their lives. They are now suffering from idleness. Massive trunks, cropped for hrushwood, have grown and grown, hut the top-hamper was kept until quite recently within supportable bounds. Their survival may depend nn brutal pruning.

Indeed, wherever you see a tree standing alone and sentinel - say, in a great park - you are almost certainly looking at an artificial beast. In natural woodland there are few really nld trees: fire, storms and competionn for light keep the forest young. Only heing huddled together with its fellows makes a forest tree tall and straight. Lone trees are socially dysfunctional.

If a parkland tree is gnarled and short, it will have been cropped most of its life. If it is tall, it will have been pruned to produce a long trunk.

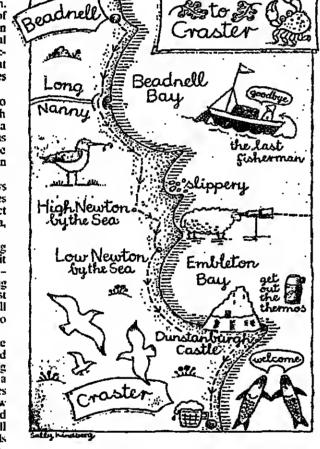
These thoughts rather prompt one to support the Duke of Edinburgh's line a couple of years ago. To howls of rage from the conservationists, he insisted that it was right to knock down an avenue of old naks in Windsnr Great Park. There were, after all, thousands of older, grander trees in the park; he wanted to lay down an avenue which would stand for several hundred years. And there's no semi-furmal landscape without the clatter of the aristocrat and his chain-saw -Capability Brown and Repton knew that, Mr Green stresses that whatever people say about the Duke and the Great Park, Windsor is the trail-blazer in the matter of caring for old trees.

Charles Watkins, one of our best historians of nature, notes that our affection for old trees is prone to fashion. "It was Druidical mythology, then the phoney-medievalism of Robin Hood; now it's hugs," he says: creatures such as the violet click beetle. The invertehrates that like rotting wood have a hard time in the rest of Europe, where aristocrats did not make (or get to keep) big parks, and tidy-mindedness (and war-torn peasantries) swept away old woodland trees. Britain is a bastion for insect life that has survived in a tradition of decaying heartwood running back to the islands' pre-history. The way to safeguard their future is in cherish nur geriatric trees, whilst leaving as much dead wood around the countryside as possible.

For a free leaflet on the Veteran Trees Initiative write to English Nature, Northminster House, Peterborough PEI 1UA. See ancient trees in Windsor Great Park, Epping Forest (CL, Essex); Burnham Beeches (CL, Slough); Ashtead Common (Cl., Surrey); Sharehood Forest (Lieitee Burnham Beecnes (C.L., Stougn); Assueaa
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affords fantastic views of the walk along the hrilliant white brian beaches, it is likely to be

walk along their ridge, which sweep of Beadnell Bay, or to beach itself (like most Northum-deserted save for you and the

stone steps - being what British Rail no doubt swept elean. Another would call the wrong sort - could easily hreak your leg hy causing you to slip and fall. Similarly, the stalks in the cracks deposits in the one-in-four lane - already black and slimy - are treachery finger and thumh will personitied, since they

turn any car which tries to hrake into a toboggan. In recent weeks I have read many an earnest dissertation by gardening experts on the richness of leaf compost, and the need to make the most uf the autumnal fall-out. Great! But has anyone measured the sheer

grass or in the yard make

Those which settle nn

redium of collecting it up? There are, I know, machines which will do the joh. But usually I find myself driven back on that most primitive of implements, the rake, Last year my wife invested in a couple of excellent rakes gnod and wide, with springy plastic teeth - and I'd not deny that a certain satisfaction derives from seeing green sward emerge as the scatter of red,

hrown and yellow is scratched back. Yet soon irritation rises

operation, and at the way fresh droppers immediately start dotting the expanse so laboriously savage provocation is the knack which some leaves have of landing with their hetween paving stones so that nnly a direct pull with dislodge them. When it comes to

elearing. I am a

perfectionist: as with

mowing grass or weeding vegetables, unless I do the joh thoroughly, I see no point in doing it at all. The instant ruination of nne's efforts is therefore doubly vexatious. Yet one must at all costs resist the temptation to go hack over the ground, picking up individual leaves. That way madness lies: the next thing you know, you will he trying to count the leaves left on the tree, or to estimate how many hundred thousand have fallen already. Yuu are

fours and eating grass. Every year it seems to me that the trees close to our house have entered into a silent conspiracy to divest themselves at

only une step away from

Nebuchadnezzar, on all

Leaves that land on nur at the very slowness of the different times. The first and worst creator of havne is a poptar, whose leaves are large and bright vellow. Close behind it, in terms of time and the power to annoy, come three arnamental cherries, strategically deployed tn ereate maximum scatter. Compared with these, the mulberry is an unty minur menace, as is the weeping bireh. The fig tree, on the other hand, is in a league of its own far sheer vnlume, its discards being

the size of dinner plates. The simplest way of dealing with the problem would be to take no action until all the trees were hare - hut hy then deep drifts would have formed. killing the grass and plants underneath them, and in any case, visitors arriving during the past few weeks would have found the place in a mess.

There is always a chance that the wind will help. An easterly gale would hlast the remaining leaves harmlessly away over our own fields. Unfortunately, the prevailing wind is west and, no matter how it rises and falls, drifts always end up in the same few favourite places.

Keep at it, then. As I rake, my mind often turns for solace to four of the mnst memorable lines in the Iliad. "As with the generations of leaves, so with those of men." wrote Homer. "[In autumn] the wind showers leaves to the ground, but when the season of spring has come. the burgeoning wood puts others forth. So also with men: nne generatinn flourishes, and another withers away." The words are spoken

by the Lycian leader Glaucus as he eballenges the Greek hero Dinmedes tn single comhat in the gap between the armies hattling for Troy. The simplicity of the original. which can hardly he rendered in English, makes the passage intensely moving, Thinking about it keeps me going for a while: is it not extraordinary that anyone could have expressed so poignant an idea. with such precision, in hexameter verse at least 800 years before Christ? But then I see a sudden swirl of wind ruin my latest handiwork, and I lay a bet with myself that Homer, who is reputed to have heen

hlind in old age, never had to spend hours

wielding a rake.





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eaves! At this time of the year they drive -me erazy. From a (distance, the autumn colour massed round the sides of our valley looks magnificent; but at close quarters its individual components carpet the lawn and choke the gutters with such persistence. week after week, that they become a menace to health and temper.

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The pain of uprooting

Rosalind Russell concludes her series on moving house

As one of life's enriching experiences, moving house is as desirable as an attack of mumps. It can, according to psychologists, take up to three years to get over the trauma. And despite having made the decision to sell - some people almost have to have their fingers prized off the door frame hefore they'll let go.

Max Robinson, the voice of radio

tennis until his retirement, had a powerful attachment to his old home in Wandsworth, Loodon, for which he'd asked John D Wood to find a buyer. A stipulation of the sale was that he be allowed to come back to the house for two weeks every year - during Wimbledon fortnight - during which time the new owner would be required to make himself scarce.

This put off several potential buyers, including the late Alan Lerner, the My Fair Lady producer, who could not tolerate this," recalls estate agent Andy Buchanan, Finally a huyer agreed to the arrangement. Max Robertson did come back the following summer for his fortnight, but, it's thought, decided against exercising his rights again.

On the Social Readjustmeots

Scale of 0-100, moving house comes in at number 20. It sounds surprisingly low, giveo the oumber of things that can go horribly wroog . "It depends oo the people," says psychologist Dr Tony Munton. "For some it's brilliant, but it depeods on circumstances. Recent figures suggest ooe in three of people surveyed expect to move house in the next five years. In our research into job relocation - people moving at the behest of their company - we followed a sample of 200 employees. Fifty per cent find these feelings can persist for a year, remembers all too clearly the sometimes two to three years. depending oo the family."

The people who find moving emotionally more difficult are, says Dr Munton, those who have lots of friends and active social circle. It is easier for self-contained families whose friends are not that close so they maintain contact by phone or

"As a species we like being in circumstances we can control or predict - which explains the popularity of package holidays

Being taken away from familiar surroundings is difficult because the home is the most stable thing in our lives. People find it stressful. We asked those in the survey if there was a single event during the move that helped, and if so, what was it. Almost all said it was the moment the furniture vao arrived with all their stuff. Then it felt like home."

A move resulting in a change of culture can be even trickier. One couple in the survey moved from a village in Wales to a city in the north of Eogland but had to go back because they couldn't cope with it. They knew everyooe in the village. It can work the other way. People who head for the hills expecting an escape from car radio thieves, school gate drug dealers and burglars can be horribly disappointed.

Research shows younger children teod to adapt much hetter and faster than older brothers and

"It is more common for those from 10 or 11 upwards to have

problems.
Adolescence exaggerates the nature of peer groups and friendships. When asked where they put their parents in a list of people close to them, most teenagers put them at four or five. Friends take the top three positions. Circles are very close knit: it's difficult to make oew friends or break into a clique. It is a particularly sticky time for teenagers. Young mothers find it not so bad because they make friends through their children at day nurseries.

It can be a ghastly mistake to return to old haunts to see what the oew owners have dooe to the ise. Author Rosie Thomas embarrassment of spotting the couple who sold her their north London home peering over the hedge some months later. They had, they told the oanny who was sent to answer the door, come to hand over the harbecue spit for the oven which they had packed and removed by mistake. But Ms
Thomas obviously dido't need it... the rest of the oven had been ripped out and replaced, and was awaiting collection by the rubbish van, in the front garden.



More than bricks and mortar

Do you care who buys your home? Penny Jackson reports

t may come as a surprise to anyone desperately scraping finances together for a final offer, but there are people who care more about who huys their house than how much they can get for it. Offers in excess of, Dutch auctions, sealed bids, forget all that, what these vendors want is peace of mind. They want to know that their-home is safe in new hands. Not surprisingly, estate ageots urge elients not to get emotionally involved with a sale. But in more cases thao they might wish, this advice falls on deaf ears. Likes and dislikes are quite out of their cootrol, however irritating, especially wheo they know a price could have gone higher. But those people who reluctantly sell a family house and stay close by know they will be painfully aware of any drasuc changes.

Few know the dilemma better than Roger Lane. A Gloucestershire farmer from a village oear Tewkeshury, he is selling a house that has been io his family for three hundred years, and is the ninth generation to farm the land around Chaceley Hall. He and his wife Rose and two children will move into a house they are building on the land.

"I grew up here and you can't block out

those memories. I am not sure how we will feel. We are taking all the furniture that has been passed down through the generations, but it will be difficult. It took us five to years to decide to move out." A hard decisioo but one made oo a sound business basis. Roger Lane wishes to diversify and enlarge the farm so that his son can take on the farming mantle if not the family. home. He expects to lose £20,000 this year through falling beef prices: the sale of the house (£325,000 through Strutt & Parker)

is necessary for his plans.
"I still feel great sentimental attachlovely old beams and if anyone started to change the character of it I would he loto a boarding bouse as one couple upset. If it comes down to the oitty gritty of the last few thousand pounds I will be looking at the people rather thao the mooey. They matter a great deal to us," admits Mr Lane.

Sentimentality can breed stubborn-ness. When Gold Walker came to sell her large family house in South London before the property market collapsed she knew exactly who she waoted to huy it, and she wasn't going to be bullied by an agent. Wheo she finally found the on very well with the wife. She wanted right couple, they were surprised to be

shown out with the words: "You know what the ageots waot for the house, don't you? Ridiculous isn't it. See what you can do."

They duly put in an offer of £30,000 less which she accepted. She even stuck with the present owners through a collapsed sale of their bouse and a process
which could have been completed
withio a mooth took six. "Eight lots of
people wanted the house, some of
couldn't stand him and so on. In fact she them with eash. I turned them down wanted to become friends with the new because I didn't like them," says Miss owners." Not unimportant for another Walker. "The house had been in the woman who wished to be able to visit ment to it. For instance it has a lot of family since 1933. It would have been the garden where ber husband's ashes terrible to see it divided op and turned wanted. Its spirit would have been destroyed."

The size of her financial sacrifice is rare, but the principle is oot. Atty Beor-Roberts of Knight Frank's Cirencester office was recently selling a £750,000 house for a clieot who very much wanted it to go to a family. There were two bidders, one a local family, the other a woman on her own from London. "Wheo the local family came round, my client got them to have the house and made this awake all night," he said.

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clear. They scraped everything together to make an improved offer. They couldn't match the first offer hut my client sold to them even though she lost the best part of £15,000," says Mr Beor-Roberts.

"Another client raog me to discuss the sale of ber house, for which 12 people were scattered.

Apervide Reside

No wonder, then, that estate agents are so keen to impress on buyers the importance of getting on with the vendor. Nor is it always just a matter of the owner's preferences, some are generous enough to coosider the neighbours. Rohin Thomas of Strutt & Parker's Exeter office was asked to sell a house to a family who would send their children to the local school. Another client rejected an offer of £2,000 more because the hidder had seven dogs. "She couldn't bear the thought of her oeighbours being kept

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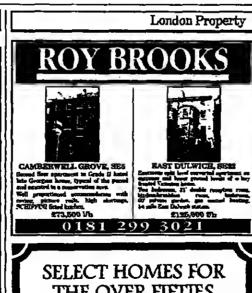
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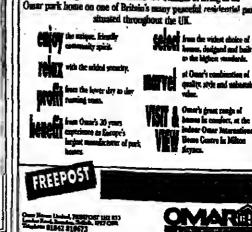
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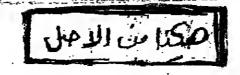
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> City dwellers prefer apartments to houses, says Stella Bingham

ive up the draining daily commute to work. Abandon the search for the elusive parking space. Forget about the breathalyser when out on the town. The cure for stress is city centre living, where shops, restaurants and jobs are all a short stroll away from home.
The oumber of households in England is expected to rise by 4.4 million by 2016

and the Government wants at least 50 per bent of these oew homes to be on urban land. The move is already well under way. Inner-city former industrial sites and rubbish-clogged canal-sides bave been transformed into places where people work, rest and play. Cities such as Newcastle and Leeds no looger die after dark.

For most people, an urban home means an apartment, but the house-builder Barratt has identified a demand for traditiooal, two-storey houses in inner Lon- my old flat. Now I have my own parking doo. Barratt's three townhouse space."

developments in Limehouse, Poplar and

Bermoodsey have all been snapped up. Barratt East London chairman, David Pretty, says that: "Even in areas where commerce and the City are the focus of working lives and flat dwelling is the norm, there are still people who feel that the ideal property is their own house with their own front door and a private garden."

Chris Shaw and Laure Thebault, who both work for an insurance broking firm in Aldgate, paid £84,000 for a two-bedroom townhouse in St James's Walk, beside Canary Wharf. "The thing that impressed me most about the house was the fact that it had a garden," says Chris. "I had been wanting one for some time. There aren't many properties so close to . the City which have gardens.

"Also, there was a problem parking with

But flats are still first choice for most in London during the week. "We chose a city-dwellers. Steve Sayers, of Beazer Homes' Edinburgh region, reports that: "Buyers come from all walks of life - from young professionals who do not have time to spend in the garden, through to couples approaching retirement who are looking for a home they can leave in the

"Apartments are simply horizontal houses" say the developers of Symphony Court in Birmingham

developments of one- and two-bedroom flats in Edinburgh. Prices start at £39,995. When Dr Keith Sansom, 52, chairman and chief executive of the BIP Group, and his wife Jennifer, 50, needed a Birmingham base to add to their homes in Loodon and Sydney they chose a two-bedroom flat in Symphony Court, a smart waterside development in the city centre.

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flat with a terrace, for the sun and its aspect. We did not buy a townhouse because we wanted to keep to a budget and we felt a flat could give us what we wanted.

"It totally fulfils our needs. It's an upmarket crash pad for my husband in the week, and I can come and go as I want. I enjoy the buzz of living in a city and there are concerts and theatres nearby."

Per square foot, the three-storey townhouses and the flats cost about the same, says Keith Pepperdine of Symphony Court's developers, Crosby Homes, "Apartments are simply horizontal houses. But the houses are larger because of stairwells and so on, so they cost more. With townhouses you have the advantage of your own froot door, no shared hallway and a garden, but many people feel apartments offer a greater degree of security." city," says Jennifer, who works and studies Prices for remaining properties start at

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Mike Doboer agrees that it costs roughly the same to build townhouses as flats. Richard Wood-Penn, joint managing director of FairBriar disagrees, "It is almost invariably more expensive to build flats because once you go over three storeys you have lifts and a higher level of servicing. They are more expensive structurally, and you have a greater density of bathrooms and kitchens."

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Nonetheless, FairBriar's three London developments in Limehouse, Chelsea and Westminster are all apartments, "We are largely driven by planning constraints. These are areas where tall buildings are acceptable and we are following the style. And there is more demand for flats from urban dwellers," Prices at Dunbar Wharf, Limehouse, range from £85,000 for a one-bedroom apartment to £575,000 for the penthouse.

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Tim Truman of Charles Church also believes that up-market apartments can be more expensive to huild than townhouses of similar quality, "If you have gated entrances, lifts and underground parking you are going to pay a premium. These are the sort of properties that appeal to wealthy singles and divorced people and overseas buyers."

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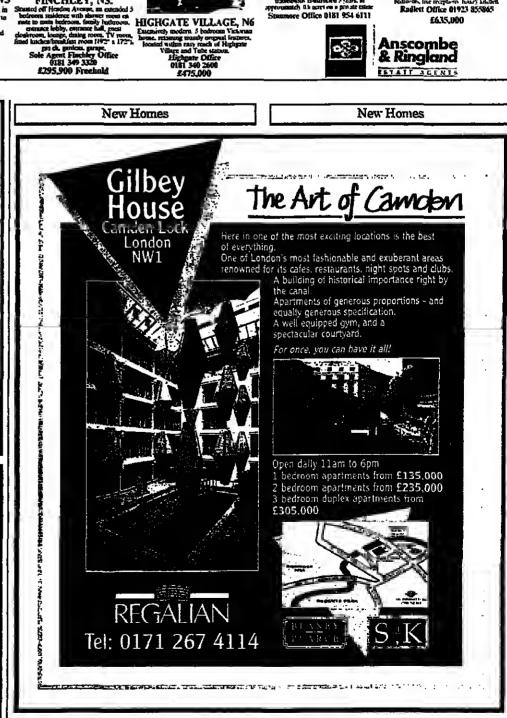
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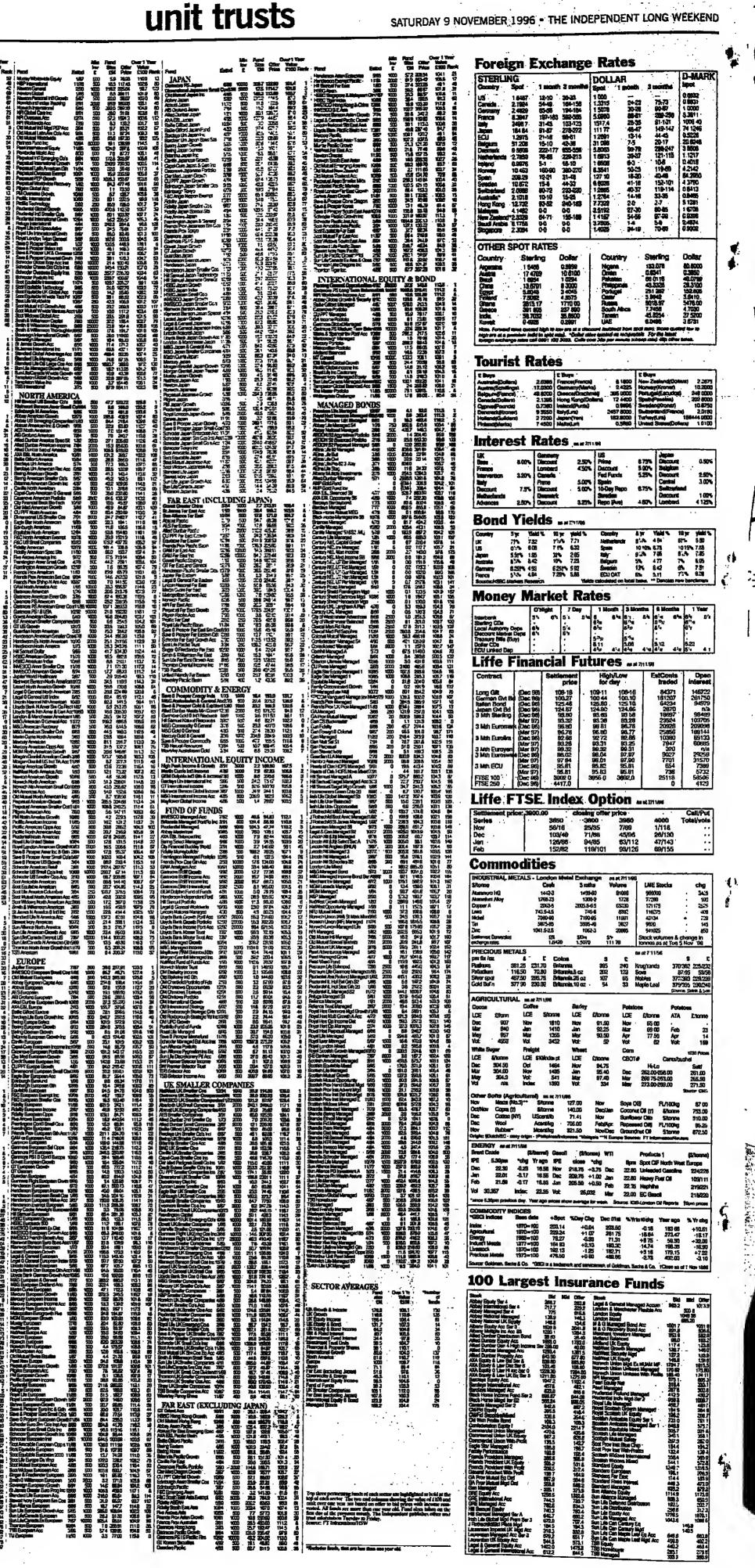


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Survival of the fittest in a struggling sector Investment trusts are facing a tough time. The class acts will come into their own but the less competent will stumble



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hen it comes to analysing investment trust performance, there are few wiser or more entertaining voices than those of Hamish Buchan and his colleagues at NatWest Securities in Edinburgh Although his team suffered some surprising defections a short while ago, he and his colleague Robin Angus are still the act to beat if you are an investment trust

be going through an uncertain patch. In so far as it makes sense to generalise, discounts in the widened, to the point where you can once more buy a general trust like Alliance or Foreign & Colo-nial on a 10 per cent discount (and some of the more exotic species on much bigger discounts).

In the short term, part of h has to do with the fact that the market, after its strong recovery in the summer, seems once more to have relapsed into pre-electoral uncertrust managers. Overall, the sector gives the strong impression of drifting rather uncertainly.

However much the marketing A couple of weeks ago, the otherwise, investment trusts are

est update on the investment trust same cycles of supply and three-month data, it is no accident investment fund - half way billity which currently locks them sector, which - as I mentioned a demand, and fluctuating degrees couple of weeks back - seems to of competition. The sector has grown furiously in the last 10 like 100 different management sector this year have generally companies and 350 different trusts to choose from. In 1985 there were barely half that number. The flood of new entrants and

new products reached something of a climax in late 1993 to early 1994. At the time, discounts on many trusts had disappeared altogether, and for a while, says Hamish Buchan, you even had the bizarre spectacle of investors huying new issues in the hope of maktainty. Sterling's strength has not helped much either. And the fuss were privatisation stocks. (Bizarre, over Kepit, Kleinwort Benson's since as investment trusts nor-unhappy European privatisation mally trade at a discount to net assets, hopes of a significant immediate premium are by definition improhable.)

Some correction after the boom period of 1993-94 was inevitable, and what we are seeing now, in men may try to convince you NatWest's view, is a necessary process of digestion. Whether you Nat West duo delivered their lat- an industry like any other, with the look at three-year, one-year or nies, are the new hybrid form of trusts if the accumulated CGT lia- existing generalist trusts.

that investment trusts collectively have underperformed the All-Share index over the recent past, years. Today there are something reversing the trend of the previous

> Not only are there too many trusts around, but too many of the funds in the list today are failing to take advantage of their investment trust status to do the things that they alone can do. That is to say, they are neither using their gearing power - their ability to borrow additional cash to increase investments and enhance returns - nor investing in unlisted securities. To all intents and purposes, they are behaving like ordinary managed funds which just happen

> to be investment trusts.
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> As many as 100 of the 350 current trusts, reckons Mr Buchan, have never used gearing at all in their lives. He thinks it is time that investment trusts woke up to the competitive threat which OEICs may pose when they are finally introduced next year. (OEICs, or open-ended investment compa-

hetween an investment trust and a unit trust - which the Government is legislating to create to offer more variety to investors.)

Most commentators so far have worked on the assumption that OEICs were more likely to take business away from unit trusts than from investment trusts. But this may be a false assumption. A lrust like Kepit, which invested conventionally, with zero gear-ing, might well have been better suited as an OEIC. Rather than having to suffer a large and persistent discount, investors would then at least have had the chance to get out at any time without an added penalty.

Also on the horizon looms the spectre of changes in capital gains tax. The tax threat comes in a number of different forms, hut none of them is likely to be good for the market or the investment trust sector. (One fear is that many of the hig insurance companies will want to sell their chunky holdings in investment in is removed).

As it happens, Mr Buchan and his colleagues are doubtful whether either the tax or the OEIC threat will in fact materialise and do much damage in the short term, whoever wins the election. Lam less sanguine about that than they are. But the underlying argument that investment trusts are facing a period of financial Darwinism" seems spot

on to me. Those investment trusts who fail to manage their discounts, or put the interests of the fund ntanagement company above those of the shareholders investors (as many are wont to do), face a tougher time

Management fees in particular are likely to come imo the spotlight once more. Note, says Nat-West, how new issues in the investment trust sector typically charge up to 1.5 per cent of assets under management as an annual fee, compared with the more typ-

After several years of growth, there is a fair chance, reckons NatWest, that the investment trust sector will see a net outflow of investors' each for the first time next year. It is when industries start to contract after a period of rapid growth that the class acts tend to come into their own, and the less competent stumble. Investment trusts are no different.

So a period of consolidation. here as elsewhere in the fund management husiness, seems inevitable. And where will that leave investment trust discounts? Well, it will vary from sector to sector. NatWest likes a number of trusts in the Income Growth and Smaller Company sectors, for example.

But, overall, the odds must be that discounts will not narrow greatly in the short term. If so, the implication is that performance will commue to drag for those who are already fully invested, but that those looking to invest new sunts should be able to find bargains assuming they know where and

Avoiding a life sentence

Peter Rodgers on how to force insurers to keep their promises

t took a great deal of pressure to persuade the life insurance industry to begin disclosure last year of the effect of charges and surrender penalties on the performance of endowments and pension plans.

Using this information, the Independent last month published league tables of companies performance based on work by John Chapman, a former senior official at the Office of Fair Trading, who before he retired wrote many hard-hitting reports on the life insurance industry.

The tables are the best method yet

devised for assessing whether the products a company is offering are good, had or indifferent. But Mr Chapman believes much more needs. to be done to make sure life insurance companies deliver the performance they promise.

The Independent's rankings show

a company's past performance and its projections of future returns. They are based on the fact that charges and surrender penalties, rather than investment performance, are the most important determinant of a policy's value.

The tables give a ranking from A+ to C- for a policy's past performance at three stages - when it is surrendered early, part-way through its life or at maturity. The same rankings are repeated using the company's own projections of future performance. It turns out that only a handful of companies can back their projections of good future performance with a comforting track-

record of good payouts in the past.

Many others (see table) are projecting a future performance considerahly better than in the past across a range of products. Clearly, trust the claim that they have trans- where actual charges on a with-

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several possible explanations. Companies may have had a disastrous investment performance that underachieved much bigger cost reductions than the rest of the industry. Or they may he borrowing from their reserves of free assets to subsidise new products and make them look

Projections worst than past

better in the marketplace. Another possibility is that some may be taking advantage of flexibility in the disclosure regulations, in effect by introducing new charges later on to bump up their income they are asking customers to take on from customers. One loophole is that

than those a company projected remote as to be irrelevant. when it sold the product (after making allowances for inflation), it is mined past results. They may have allowed to compensate by adjusting the bonus rates downwards.

This amounts to imposing a new surrender penalty not included in the projections made when the policy was sold. The Personal Investment Authority, the watchdog, defends this on the grounds that with-profits policies should be treated the same way as unit-linked policies, which are allowed to increase charges. The theory is that without freedom to raise charges, unforeseen events could drive the life insurer

formed their performance. There are profits policy turn out to be higher into insolvency. This threat is so

According to Mr Chapman, about two-thirds of the costs to a company of running a policy are for commissions and marketing. These are short-term and predictable. Other costs, such as overheads, administration, life cover and fund management fees, are much lower, and also largely controllable. It seems highly improbable that unforeseen changes could drive a life company to the wall, says Mr Chapman.

When it comes to checking whether companies are raising their charges secretly, breaking faith with their customers, with-profits life promises have been kept.

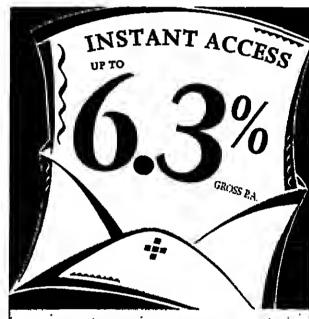
insurance policies are particularly hard to deal with. With-profits policies are notoriously one-sided contracts, because the company has enormous discretion in setting bonus rates. Furthermore, there is no data published on the individual charges made for with-profits policies.

Some companies certainly consider that their actual future payouts should closely follow the charges assumed in their projections at the time the policies were sold. Companies where the marketing director carries more weight than the actuary may helieve the projections are largely illustrative, and they rely on the discreet imposition of extra charges or penalties later in the life of a policy to improve their profits.

So why not force them to declare the assumptions about charges, which they must anyway make in private to calculate their projected bonuses and payouts? It would then be possible, by combining the data with actual figures for investment performance, to spot attempts to raise charges beyond the levels pro-

jected when the policies were sold. This would not be a straightforward exercise, since allowance would have to be made for the convention of smoothing returns over a number of years. It would be rather easier with unit-linked policies to make these checks about whether promises are kept because more detail is disclosed already about charges.

But in both cases, it would be hard for an individual policyholder to assess whether he or she had been treated honestly, without expert help. One solution would be for policyholder committees to he formed for each company to look at these issues and report on whether the



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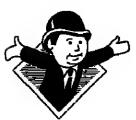
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Many healthy returns

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he election this week of a Democrat to the White House and a Republican majority to Congress was viewed by Wall Street as positive for healthcare stocks and they duly shot up in price. The last great bear market in healthcare stocks was in 1992, prompted by fears that Hillary Clinton was trying to nationalise America's bealthcare industry. Her reforms failed and the consensus view now is that any further attempts at change will be much less radical.

Although pharmaceutical and healthcare companies have to compete globally to succeed, the market is dominated by the US because of its high private sector spending on health and because h spawns so many innovative companies. With some 1,000 quoted healthcare companies to choose from in the US alone, the range and opportunity is enough to keep most managers of specialist healthcare funds busy.

Framlington's Health Fund is usually 75 to 80 per cent invested in the US, but fund manager Antony Mil-ford points out that in recent months best performers. He would like to invest more in Europe. The fund holds a range of UK and European drug company. It has little in Southeast Asia as there are few domes. east Asia, as there are few domestic healthcare plays there. Mr Milford expects rising world demand for drugs and medical services to be met

by US and European firms.
Advances in medical science generate new demand. The price of success is to some extent new diseases seeking a cure like Alzheimer's. Finally creeping privatisation of underfunded national healthcare systems in many developed countries opens opportunities to healthcare

companies to step into the breach.

Big pharmaceutical companies are once again the stock market's compounded by a strong pound. darlings. In the past six months they have bounded ahead, leaving smaller healthcare companies behind. Biotech stocks, which could do no wrong at the start of year, are firmly out of favour. The reversal of sentiment has burt funds like Framlington and GT Healthcare, which focus on smaller companies, more than those like Finsbury Worldwide Phar-



Critical condition: Changes in many national healthcare systems have opened up opportunities for companies Photograph: Glynn Gniffiths

maceutical, which has a 60/40 split

of large to small companies. Framlington's long-term record is excellent. Over five years it has returned 180 per cent, compared with a rise in the S&P Healthcare Index of 85 per cent, but it has fallen since its peak in May, its problems

Some 35 per cent of the fund is in what Mr Milford describes as quoted venture capital. These are companies about to launch their first products but as yet making no profits. The risks involved in such a strategy are mitigated by the fund's spread of

San Francisco, took a beating in the hits the market.

summer after the speculative bubble burst. Manager Mike Yellen says disenchantment with over-valued new issues spilled into high-quality laterstage hio-techs. His response was to buy and the fund is up 21 per cent since January against an average for US healthcare funds of 7 per cent.

The bio-tech sector is also diverging, Mr Yellen says. Blue-sky companies present too great a risk, too long a wait before drugs get to market and too great a requirement for capital to offer shareholders a worthwhile return. However, later stagecompanies with drugs undergoing final trials can produce greater than GT Healthcare, managed out of expected sales when the drug finally

tical, an investment trust which invests only in pharmaceutical and bio-tech companies, has been a victim of its own success. Demand for its sbares has pushed their price to a consistent premium to net asset value. According to Micropal the trust shows total returns of 55 per cent over the past year. The trust's asset values have moved sideways in

British investors keen to buy into the long-term healthcare story have choose from. Unit trusts include World Healthcare and City Finan- 10 per cent on drugs.

the past six months, but the premium

Finsbury Worldwide Pharmaceu- cial Beckman Bio-tech. GTF's fund is a Dublin-based European unit trust. Among investment trusts there is Finsbury's Worldwide Pharmaceutical and Rothschild's Interna-

tional Biotechnology.

A new investment trust was also launched last month to participate in the \$2,500bn annual global healthcare spend. The Healthcare Reform Investment Trust, managed by HealthReform Partners in the US, invests in the whole spectrum of medical activity, with particular emphasis on medical devices and a limited range of retail funds to scrvices. These, it points out, account for 90 per cent of healthcare Framlington Healthcare, Jupiter industry spending, as opposed to just

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A soft touch on the fringe

My biggest mistake

Comic **Arthur Smith**

get talked into putting pletely rule out doing it money into very dodgy again - I'm certainly not immune to it. Let's just hope they don't read The Independent, or at least not at night.

if it does that, you'll make a lot of money."

They're always skint and they badger yuu so much and prey on the fact that you're supposed to be in favour of the arts. They just keep on turning

the screw until, eventually, you let slip that you could probably afford to put a grand into it. Then they put it on in

some hall-assed theatre and it snows, and no one turns last you ever see of your

Y trouble is, I've although I'm not quite such commission starving artists genuinely interested in been a mug Ior a soft tuuch as I have been in the past, I wouldn't com-

Money pages.
The last time I did it, I They give you all these figures and say, 'If it sells so many tickets, if it does this, if it does this does th been really skint since I was in my late twenties, and I'm 42 now.

Even before An Evening With Gary Lineker came out in 1991, I'd done a fair bit of amount to much more than telly and some Jairly lucrative stand-up stuff. But I was on the breadline absolutely no interest in at one point. I've still got a

fair few friends who are on the breadline and you can't really blame them for want- ers of various types. I went ing to get their hands on to see one of them in his some of my bread. Occaup. It gets one bad review in the Big Issue and that's the drama students too, saying 'I'm a drama student, give me some money'.

I've done that three or At moments of weakness, was laughing at - appar- ple are as lackadaisical four times now and. I've also been known to ently, this bloke really was about money in all its furms

to do paintings for me. Then they turn up ages later with their masterpieces, looking lor the money. I've got a whole roomful oI the most

ridiculous paintings. Doing benefit gigs for started with him through charity is another thing I up going to someone who wants to buy a Land Rover and drive round Africa on holiday for a month. The benefit doesn't seem to

that, you suddenly notice. The thing is. I bave money at all. I've got an accountant and I've had a succession of financial advisoffice once and he had pictures of cowboys all over the

I laughed and laughed and he didn't know what I

cowboys.

Because I'm a bit vague with money myself, I tend to just find someone I can trust and put it all in their bands. I do trust my accountant. I personal recommendation and anyone he suggests, I trust as well. In fact, he recommended the linancial

bloke I've got now. What bappened was, I gut churned by one of my old financial advisers. Obviously, I didn't notice it, but my accountant picked up on it and now I've got a new

financial adviser. It's like Sting's accountant setting up all those bank accounts that Sting knew nothing about.

I don't want to put ideas in his head, but my financial planner could do that with me quite easily if be wanted to - he might have dune it already, for all I know.

I don't suppose many people are as lackadaisical

as I am but I really haven't got the interest or the inclination. I've got an endowment mortgage and whenever they try to talk to me about it, after about 30 seconds my eyes glaze over and

I'm thinking about something else. I've got a certain amount of money in - I think it's PEPs or unit trusts, some-

where like that. I may not remember exactly where it all is but if I rang this bloke, I'm sure he could tell me all about it.

In the end, providing I'm not skint, that's all I'm really concerned about. Providing I've got enough for the next Iew weeks worth of beer, books and fags, I'm just not that interested in money it's more boring to me even than cars.

Just you wait, now I'll get 20 people banging on my door saying. Oh, I've got this brilliant idea for you......

Arthur Smith was talking to

A cashpoint in the pub?

By Clifford German

back at long last transaction across a bank counter costs. ATM transactions are also cheaper than Sainsbury and Marks & telephone banking transac-Spencer, which are moving into the banking business. If NCR's Jim Adamson has his way the bank's chosen range of services to a captive weapon will be a customised cash dispenser which can sell travel and theatre tickets, stamps, and even unit trusts. print and dispense phone cards and vouchers for special offers in supermarkets, as well as accepting deposits and dispensing cash.

Instead of offering a plain choice of casb with a receipt and cash without, the new machines offer a menu of services, which can be sumton, and could deliver on the tomer's bank account accurdingly.

range of services selected by ram-raiders. the owner operators to

passers-by. new generation of husy custumers getting stuck in a queue behind a line of nerds checking out all the latest offers, so installing a machine with just the right range of services for the and do buy machines, install locality will clearly be one of

the secrets of success. The new generation of machines is coming off the consumers a small fee for the production line in NCR's convenience of using the Dundee factory and could be installed and operating in January. Banks are expected to be among the principal buyers, as they replace their existing stock of 22,000

known as ATMs, will replace still more branch banks and will be able to process a banking transaction at a real

anks are set to bite with the 100p the average tions, and unlike the other outlets the machines can actively advertise and sell a audience.

Unlike all previous dis-pensers, which have been sold exclusively to banks and building societies, NCR will be selling or leasing its new range to anyone who wants one and has the space to install it.

The smallest of the new machines costs about £8,000-£10,000, stands about a metre square, and can sit on counters and desk-tops in moned at the touch of a but-post offices, pubs, supermarkets, car parks, railway spot and then debit the cus- stations, petrol stations and anywhere else potential customers congregate. It weighs Individual machines could about half a tonne, contains be badged and branded to up to 20,000 banknotes, and act as mobile outlets, with comes complete with a safe the screens continually and several other security advertising and selling a features designed tu deter

Its big brother has four times the cash capacity, a It raises the prospect of a deposit slot for eash and cheques, and a wide range of additional functions can be incorporated.

In the US, where the technology is ahead of the UK. individual entrepreneurs can them, contract out the supply of a range of services and charge the providers and the

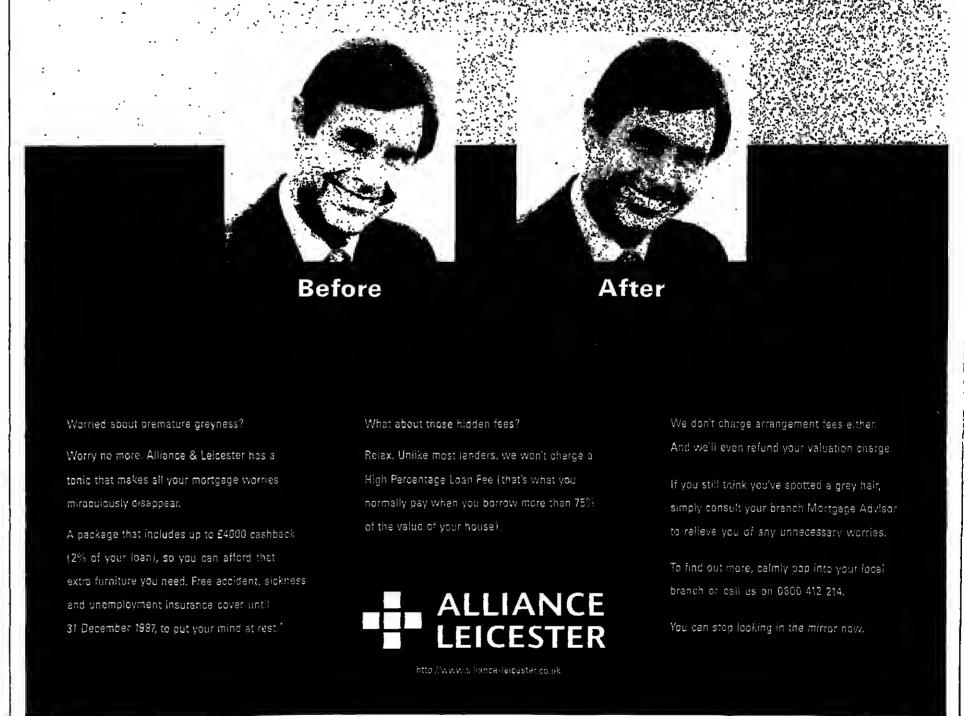
machine. Evidence shows that although older people still resist the idea of paying for a service they could get free in another place and time. machines around the country. most people under 45 have The dispensers, also no qualms about paying a small sum for the convenience of getting the service

here and now. Overall, 80 per cent are cost of just 15p, contpared willing tu pay, Will you?



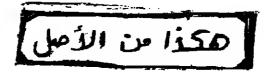
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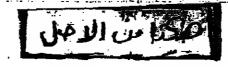
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Cars without steering wheels?

It's not such a mad idea. By Gavin Green

ars should have five wheels, one of which you hold. This is a fact, just like oranges are orange, apples are round and Gazza is a fruitcake. The only motoring apostate of recent has been Reliant, whose cars mostly have only three wheels in contact with the tarmac. But when you drive a Reliant, you realise that the old adage does hald true. And the more you drive a Reliant, the clearer the message.

A hundred years ago, there were nn motoring "rules". Because car makers had nothing to copy, they were forced to innovate and experiment. Some car makers tried tricycles. And others, believe it or oot, dido't have steering wheels.

In last weekend's Brighton Run, restricted to cars made before 1905, most of the vehicles that spluttered and farted their way through London and down to the south coast used tillers to steer. I drove one, an 1899 Fiat. We didn't get very far: a distributor problem sidelined us on Brixton Road, harely three miles from the Hyde Park start. But our Loodon to Brixton run proved one thing: tillers are a surprisingly sensible way to steer a car.

Mercedes-Benz, the world's oldest car maker, thinks so too. It has just unveiled a concept car called the F200 which dispenses with a wheel and instead uses an aircraft-style joystick.

On the old Fiat, the tiller is actually one of the easiest controls on the car. On this car, you hold a little handle oo the tiller. You turn the handle the way you want the car to go, the tiller revolves and, presto, you change direction. The steering is sharp - much sharper than on most modern cars which suffer from appallingly mushy steering response. It's also light, helped by the car's low weight.

The Fiat's other controls aren't so easy. While your left hand works the tiller, the right has to grapple with the hand throttle, the gear lever, the hand operated brake, and levers to control the engine's fuel mixture and the ignition timing. The Fiat's overriding safety feature is that you will oever fall asleep behind the tiller: there's so much to do all the time that you never get bored.
One of its novelties is its "total loss" oil

system. There is oo recirculating oil supply. Instead it is either burnt nr discarded. The upshot is that every four miles or so you have to stop, to top up the oil. It is not so much a total loss system as a dead loss system. It also makes for very slippery roads and very dirty exhausts.

The Fiat is also slow. Its little two-cylinder engine vibrating away under your bottom, is good enough for a top speed of

matter, would a horsedrawn carriage. Yoo sometimes wonder how cars ever caught on. .

One thing that did catch on was the steering wheel. It replaced the iller for a number of reasons, not least that more leverage could be had with a big revolving wheel and a geared steering box than with a simple stick. Nowadays, all cars have steering wheels. Why? They just do: It is an example of the simple unquestioning conformity that has blighted the car industry and made it so conservative. That's why Mercedes' proposal is so refreshing:

Wheels are actually silly ways to steer, given modern electronics. First and most important, they are potentially dangerous. In bad accidents, many people die from head juries incurred by hitting steering wheels. The airbag has partly obviated the problem, but only partly. Much better to do away with the steering wheel altogether.

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Mercedes' joystick electronically controls the steering. Push right to turn right, left to turn left - simple. The joystick also replaces conventional pedals. To go faster, push the joystick forward. To hrake, pull it back. Deleting conventional brake and throttle pedals is another safety boon. Pedals can cause horrific foot and leg injuries in severe acci-dents. They're also incredibly indirect and clumsy ways of controlling gning and stopping.

The joystick also serves up more comfort for the

driver. The lack of pedals means that the seating position can be more comfortable, especially for

about 30mph. In practice, it's not that comfortable also a hig versatility beoefit. The joystick is in the over 20. The upshot is that, from London to centre console which means that either the dri-Brighton, a push-bike would be quicker. So, for that ver or the front seat "passenger" could drive the vehicle without changing seats. There are also "side sticks" in the F200 - joysticks in the interior door trims on both sides of the car, although to my mind this is unnecessary complication.

Other advantages of the joystick include speed of response - hraking is immediate, as there's oo time delay in moving your foot from one pedal to another. And, as there is no mechanical conoection between the steering and the suspension, wheel vibrations and movement do not corrupt

steering feel... There are many other clever, clean-sheet ideas on F200 - Mercedes' vision for a 21st-century car. They include swing-out-and-lift doors which give much better access to the cabin, headlamps which change illumination with speed and can see around corners, a magnetic card instead of door and ignition keys, a glass roof for superb all-round visibility (electrochronic glass stops sun intrusion and prevents the cabin from getting too hot) and rear vision from five mini-cameras with the images appearing oo dashboard screens.

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All are refreshing ideas, but the joystick is the deverest. Of course it would take some getting used to. But what great idea hasn't? The technology is new to moturing, some of it borrowed from aerospace (the steering is in effect "drive by wire", as with the latest Airbus). The tiller-like joystick idea. however, goes back to the dawn of motoring. Which just goes to show that sometimes the old ideas are still the best ones.





Top and inset: the Mercedes F200 with aircraft-style joystick. Below: Gavin Green (wit the hat) takes the tiller on the London to Brighton run.

Bike to the future

Roland Brown previews the Motor Cycle show

here's no doubt about which bikes are the star attractions at this year's Motor Cycle Show, which opens at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham today. Triumph's pair of new three-cylinder road-burners, the T595 Daytona and T509 Speed Triple, herald the arrival of a second generation of superbikes from the Leicestershire firm, six years after it brought British motorcycle manufacturing back from

A sleek, 955cc, £9,649 sports machine, the T595 Daytona is set to do battle with the fastest superbikes from Italy and Japan. The T595's 12-valve, dohe engine is a fuel-injected version of the previous Daytona unit, nuned with help from Latus to produce 128bhp.

Triumph's other newcomer, the T509 Speed Triple is an unfaired roadster whose twin headlamps give an aggressive look, with an 885cc three-cylinder engine.

Japan's hrightest show stars come from Suzuki, whose TLI000S sportster combines a 123bhp V-twin engine with a racy chassis based on a lightweight aluminium frame. The TL features fuel-injection and an innovative rear damping system. The NEC will

provide most showgoers with their first view of Hooda's 1997-model CBR11 100XX Super Blackbird. Their six-cylinder F6C roadster is eveo more outrageous: a gigantie, naked roadster powered by the flat-six eogine from the Gold Wing tourer. For those who prefer their superbikes lighter and sportier, the VTR1000 FireStorm rivals Suzuki's TL1000S by

V-twin engine in a stylish package. Yamaha has only one real newcomer: the XVS650 Drag Star, a long, low Harley-Davidson replica cruiser developed from the popular XV535. Kawasaki is aiming for the budget market with the ER-5, a 500cc twin-cylinder commuter hike that has just gone on sale for £3695. Kawasaki's

wrapping a water-cooled

only other new model is the ZRX1100, an unfaired fnur-cylinder retrn bike whose raised handlebars and twin rear suspension units recall American superbike racing of the early Eighties. Harley-Davidson has a

new model designed to look even more ancient than all the others. The



Heritage Springer holds its big 1340ce V-twin mutor in a chassis featuring retro-style "springer" front forks. For the first time at the NEC there will also be a line of Harley-powered Buell sports bikes. The company founded by former Harley engineer Erik Buell is now partowned by Harley.

Ducati, Europe's most famous builder of V-twins. has been boosted by an injection of money In m America, Its main new model is the ST2, a sports-tourer powered by a fuel-injected motor producing a fairly modest 83hhp. Other Italian attractions include Moto Guzzi's V10 Centauro roadster and Bimota's radical 500 V Due, a "elean-burning" two-stroke sportster, plus stylish scooters from Vespa, Italiet and Piaggio.

Aprilia has a new version of its 650 Pegaso trail bike. and the Italian firm will also assemble BMW's F650ST Strada, a



road-oriented version of the popular dual-purpose F650 single. But it is BMW's other new bike, the sporty four-cylinder K1200RS, that will create more comment for its fuel-injected engine's output of 130bhp - making this the first model to hreach BMW's

self-imposed 100hhp limit. In his Motor Cycle Show opening speech four years ago, then Transport Minister Kenneth Carlisle criticised Triumph's latest 1200cc sportster for being excessively powerful. However, accident figures did not support him and manufacturers continued to develop more powerful machines, and superhike sales have risen. Now even conservative BMW has decided that if you can't beat them, you might as well join in, too.

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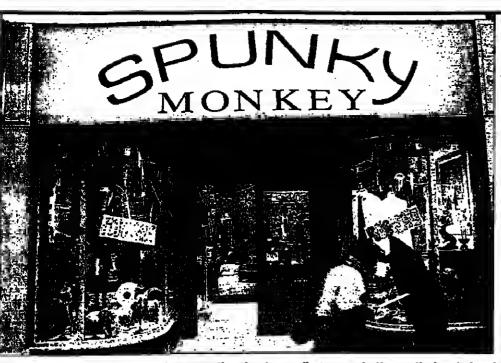
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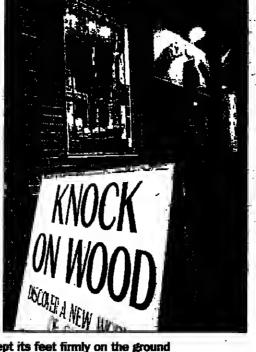
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eeds is without doubt a thriving northern city, well into a period of regeneration that's seen the city grow in affluence and stature. A great cluh scene and flourishing designer market have also carnt it the title of "hippest city in England", and it has recently been "chosen" hy Harvey Nicks. But while thumbing its nose at well-worn myths about spending power in the north, Leeds has kept its feet firmly on the ground. A detour through the decidedly unprosperous Calls area, south of Boar

Lane, will cause any visitor to do the same. The city centre boasts one of the largest areas of pedestrianisation in England, and is extremely shopper-friendly. You're never far from a decent café for a bit of a sit down, and car parks are plenuful, though they fill up quickly. There are four staple shopping centres, including the rather down-at-heel Merrion and the improved Headrow centre. To get a taste of the New Leeds though, head for the beautifully restored arcades of the Victoria Quarter. The Corn Exchange and Granary Wharf (permanent shops and stalls), which is tucked down behind the statioo by the Leeds-Liverpool canal and really comes to life at the weekend.

Harvey Nichols, The Victoria Quarter

designer cake. The huge crowds contain a core of well-heeled ladies obviously relieved not to have to trek down to London for their Ferretti or their Jean Muir. The huilding's definitely stylish, hut it feels rather small, especially in the food market on the fourth floor, where most of the actual huying was going oo. One lady in particular, who thought it would be "all nice sausages and that", wasn't impressed. "Might as well go to Tescos," she said.

Music

Knock on Wood Global Music Supplies Granary Wharf (0113-242 9146)

The first permanent shop to opeo in the Wharf - in 1988 - is a World Music extravaganza. There are Djembe drums (£150 -£270), a Gamhian Balafon at £45, Didjeridus from £135 and lots of smaller wood and wind instruments. Everything in here produces sound, even the token box of Whoopie cushions!

Jumbo Records, St John's Centre (0113-245 5570)

A good, popular independent and one of the few that could still be called a "record shop". It has a pretty useful vinyl section as well as an excellent jazz CD section. Jumbo has managed to keep its CD prices competitive: chart and new Part "international lifestyle store", part local attraction, this is the icing on Leeds' album is £12.99).

Specialist Shops

Kirkgate Stamp Co, 30 County Arcade, Victoria Quarter (0113-245 5404) When it started 25 years ago, the husiness was strictly stamps. Having diversified, it would now rather he known as the Leeds collector's shop. It deals in militaria (Indian dagger circa 1800 at £40), coins, medals and cigarette cards. There's a neatly catalogued and varied postcard collection, and a medal-mounting service.

id Aromatics, 12 New Station Street (0113-242 4983)

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The Condom Shop, Com Exchange (0113-244 6532)

It's a sad fact that Brits have a hard time with rubbers. It seems quite appropriate that for a oatioo of titterers, a condomcome-joke shop should provide a safe space for buying. As well as the usual brands you'll find Glow in the Dark Tick-

olutionary new condom at £4.99 for six. Alongside these are plenty of rudy games like "Bonk", phallic candles (£4.99) and

Craft Centre and Design Gallery, City Art Gallery, The Headrow (0113-247 8241) Selected by the Crafts Council, the Gallery has been going for 15 years and specialises in displays of contemporary jewellery by British designers, currently showing designs in silver, white metal and bronze. The atmosphere is un-fussy, and the works are not just exhibition pieces. Prices range from £10 all the way up to £5,500.

Food and Drink The Tripe Shop, Leeds City Market (0113-244 0436)

The sale of tripe is still going strong, and here you'll get other food stuffs that can't be found at Tesco, or any branch of Harvey Nicks for that matter. Tripe is only 26p a quarter, and maws, or mouth parts, are 28p. Other delicacies are chitterlings (pig intestines) and elder (udders).

Beer Paradise, Granary Wharf (0113-242 9572)

A shop for advecturous beer drinkers lers (£2.25 for one), and Topaz, the rev- Indooesian. There are about 350 Belgian alternatives.

beers, like Duval, hailed as the "hest beer in the world" (£1.49). They also sell Whiskey Beer and Tea Beer. Green. Beer, which is completely natural, is brewed to a 17th-ceotury recipe, and contains hearly 20 herbs and spices (also £1.49). Visit Paradise and find yourself in Lops heaven.

Gifts and Accessories spunky Morkey, 97 Briggate (0113-244 0701) After the promise of the name and hright green exterior, the substance of Spunky Monkey is essentially run of the mill miscellany: candles, mobiles, incense etc. Oh and wood, lots of wood. It's a menagerie of carved animals, from the tiniest mouse to a pair of life-sized Alsatians. A place to visit if you need a gift for a friend with one of those pig or cat obsessions.

Leeds is blessed with branches of all the main high-street retailers (C&A, Bhs, Debenhams, Next). Designer frenzy is reflected in the high proportion of exclusive boutiques (Aspects, Olivers), most of which are in the Victoria Quarter. You don't have to look far to find stocking over 700 varieties from around Kareo Millen, Paul Smith or Ted Baker. the world, including Russian and However, there are some whorthwhile Kareo Millen, Paul Smith or Ted Baker. Leeds Tourist information 0113-242 5242

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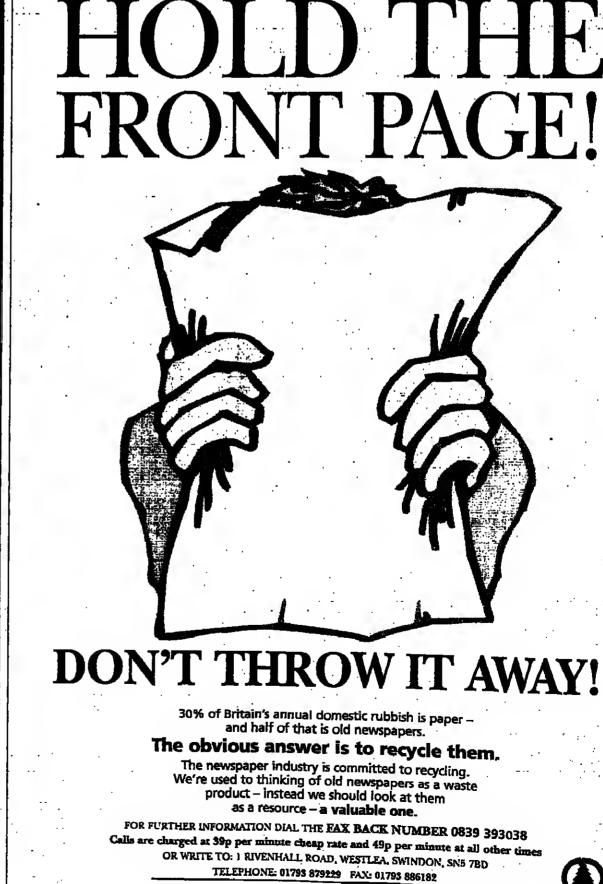
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Mr Miles has been around since 1870. It's quite spacious and has a fitting "old library" feel to it. As well as a lot of second-hand and good bargain books, they also keep rare, antiquarian and collectors books. Prices obviously vary, but a signed, extremely limited edition of Dylao Thomas's In Country Sleep costs £1,000.

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Charity begins in the post

Jenny McClean on how Christmas cards are vital money raisers

he Royal Mail and Christmas recovery, not the political situation." card manufacturers predict that we will be sending more seasonal greetings this year than ever before. And an ever larger proportion of them will be charity cards. But how much of the average £2.50 to £5 for a packet of 10 goes to the charities?

LONG WELLAND

The Charity Christmas Card Council, known as 4C, is reputedly the largest and oldest umbrelia charity card sales organisation in Britain. Set up m 1970, it now has a membership of more than 100 registered charities as diverse as the Worldwide Fund for Nature and the National Asthma Campaign. Non-profit retaining, 4C returns 17 to 45 per cent of the VAT-

exclusive retail price to members. Costs are kept down by free seasonal loans of vacant premises staffed hy volunteers, says 4C spokesman Neville Bass. "But now the retail market is booming, these temporarily vacant sites are much harder to find. We have had to pull out altogether in Belfast - hecause of the economic

When it comes to Christmas cards, tradition wins hands down. Mr Bass

has noticed no significant change in content or design over the years. "But shoppers are becoming more discerning and want quality materials. Christmas cards are no longer price sensities tive as they were during the recession. And we send feedback to our memhers: a lot of research is going into

what customers want." There are signs, too, of the caring Nineties. "Over the past decade." says Mr Bass, "companies have been making a point of sending cards that are more ethically oriented and which have a more international flavour. They see it as an investment."

Altruism or a shrewd business move, the main thing is that charities are benefiting. Susan Burton, who administers card sales for The National Autistic Society through 4C and Cards for Good Caoses with a return of 35 to 55 per cent, reports a strong rise in corporate husiness and

generously points out that some com- charity cards. Boots the Chemists, 40 panies have always been charity-con-scious. "Christmas cards are extremely important to us - they not only make RNIB this year, though still only 10p money but generate publicity." Something that is hard to put a price on.

Charities benefit considerably more if we hay direct from them or a nonprofit retaining agent rather than from high-street retailers who slap on an average 100 per cent mark-up. But Claire Jarvis, speaking for Oxfam, pointed out that most charities are pragmatic about this commercialism. It's not realistic to expect retailers to sell at no profit. We may only get 10p in the pound but it's lop we would not otherwise have got. And having other

outlets increases public awareness." By comparison, of each pound spent on cards from one of Oxfam's own shops 17.5p goes in VAT, 30p in production costs and 55p to the charity's funds. Last year Oxfam Trading sold £4.75m worth of cards with a gross profit of £2.25m.

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munity forests.

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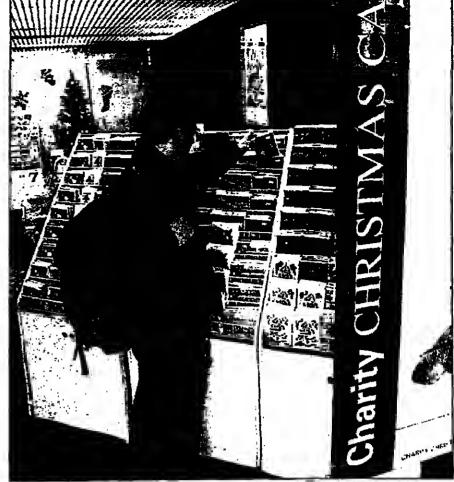
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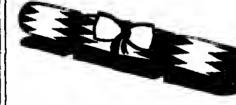
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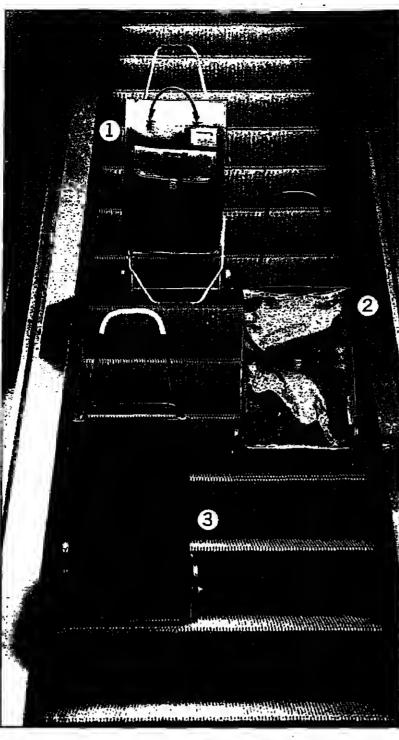
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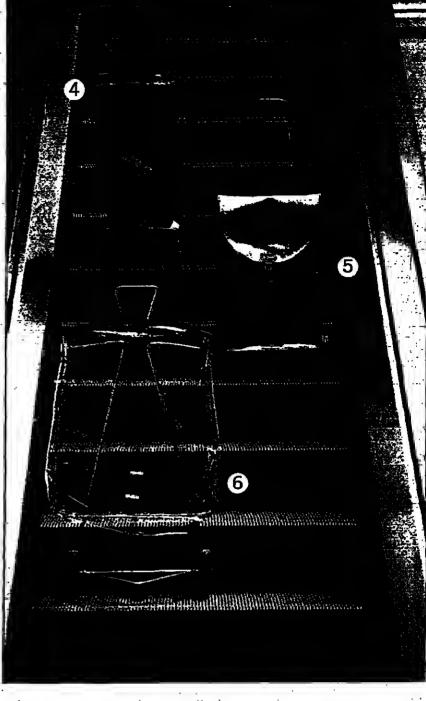
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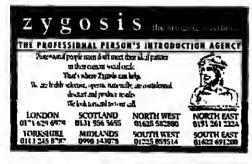
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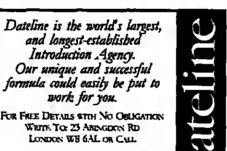
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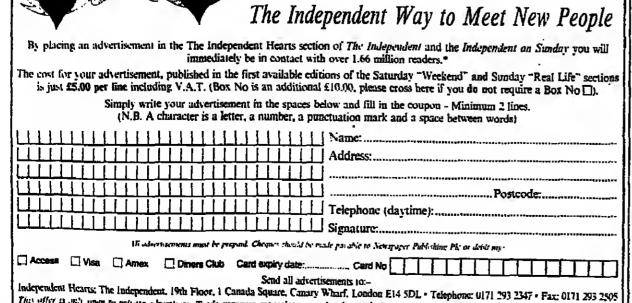
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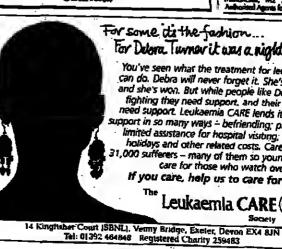
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Sunday television and radio

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7.45 The Flying Doctors (R) (S) (1747671). *
8.30 Breakfast with Frost. Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind has a stab at setting the day's news agenda (89584).

9.30 Living to the End. The hospice movement (44519). 10.00 See Hear! (S) (95120).

10.30 Remembrance Sunday - The Cenotaph. Tom Fleming describes the scene as the great and the good lay their wreaths (Subsequent programmes may change) (S) (8993949). *

11.55 The Gift of Memory. Meditation for Remembrance Sunday read by Prunella Scales (S) (1838923). *

12.00 CountryFile (S) (14836).

12.30 On the Record, With Education Secretary Gillian "six of the best" Shephard (42107). *
1.00 The E Files (57126). *

1.30 EastEnders Omnibus (S) (5372126). *
2.55 Columbo. Roddy McDowalt is the guest suspect

(R) (5156229). *

4.05 The Bookwarm. Roddy Doyle, SAS books and the strange case of Richard Hillary, the Battle of Britain hero whose book. Last Enemy, changed the course of World War It (S) (5974942). *

4.35 The Clothes Show. Female traffic wardens get a

makeover, and make-up artist Ruby Hammer reveals her secret beauty tips (S) (1054039). *
5.00 The Prince and the Pauper. 1/6. See Preview, p30 (S) (4381). * 5.30 News, Weather (712565). *

5.50 Regional News (914497). 5.55 Songs of Praise. Remembrance Sunday service from the Abbey at 5herborne (S) (919768). *
6.35 Antiques Roadshow. Valuations from the Isle of Skye (S) (763836). *

Skye (S) (763836). *

7.20 The Royal Variety Performance. Charlie boy is in attendance, being entertained in a good cause by Tom Jones, Lionel Richie, Steve Coogan, Jackie Mason and Darcey Bussell (S) (16286652). *

9.55 News, Weather (812126). *

10.10 Clive Anderson All Talk, Goldie Hawn and Bob Licetims. He and in talk (S) (634(207). *

Hoskins, it's good to talk (S) (534297). *

10.45 Everyman. Cameras follow the selection procedure for a new vicar in a multi-racial north

London parish (S) (915590). *
11.35 Accused. Dramatised magistrates' court (S) (538855). * 12.05 The Sky at Night. Mars (S) (8035850).

12.25 My Name is Bill W (Daniel Petrie 1989 US). Good cast - not a bad movie, reliving the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous, James Woods is the self-destructive drunk, whose brush with an alcoholic doctor, James Gamer, leads to the organisation's creation (5566411). * 1.55 Weather (1394817). To 2.00am.

BBC2

7.30 Children's BBC: Joe 90. 7.55 Playdays. 8.15 Bitsa. 8.30 Jackanory Gold. 8.50 The Littlest Pet Shop. 9.15 The Itsy Bitsy Spider. 9.35 The Mask 10.00 Ship to Shore. 10.30 Grange Hill. 10.55 The Demont Headmaster. 11.20 As Seen on TV. 11.45 Shooting Stars. Shown on Friday (S) (363942). 12.15 The Sunday Show. Donna McPhail hosts the

Sunday brunch beano (S) (2897652).

1.00 The O Zone. Mark Owen, formerly of Take That, talks exclusively (S) (55768).

1.30 Regional Programmes (S) (32720).

2.00 Nova: T Rex Exposed. Documenting the unearthing in Montana of the first nearly complete

Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton (5828478).

2.50 Snooker World Cup Final. Coverage from Banglok (S) (823903) (5).

4.45 Rugby Special. Highlights of yesterday's game from Murrayfield between Scotland and Australia. Plus, London Irish v Wasps (S) (100720).

5.45 The Natural World: The World in a Wood. The yearth Code of t yearly cycle of the world's most closely studied piece of woodland, Wytham Wood, on the outskirts of Oxford, and what these studies tell us about the likely effects of global warming on the British countryside (S) (478836). *

6.35 Star Trek: Voyager (S) (761478). *
7.20 American Visions: The Promised Land. See Preview, p30 (S) (929565). * 8.10 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. La-La trills her way around some of the prisoner-of-war

Napoleonic Wars (498749). * Napoteonic Wars (498749).*

8.20 The Money Programme. Supermarkets and their effect on small traders (S) (992855). *

9.00 Where's Elvis This Week? (S) (8942). *

9.30 The Cenotaph Highlights. Tom Fleming relives the annual wreath-laying ceremony (S) (71749). *

10.30 The Crow Road. 1/4. Second-sitting tain Banks adaptation (2) (715 19). *

adaptation (R) (71519).

11.30 Snooker World Cup Final. Highlights from Banglook of this afternoon's encounter (23455). 12.30 The Knack and How to Get it (Richard Lester 1965 UK). The authentic flavour of the Swinging Stoties – as Lester brings his distinctive directorial style (Godard meets The Monkees) to bear on a story about an innocent schoolteacher (Michael Crawford) being taught how to pick up birds by hipster Ray Brooks. The arrival of wide-eyed Northern lass Rita Tushingham offers ample opportunity to try out his newly learnt seduction skills (Followed by Weatherview) (23492). *

2.00 The Learning Zone: Nice Work (83362). 4.00 Languages: Suerios - World Spanish (S) (83546), 5.00 The Small Business Programme/20 Steps to Better Management (15701), To 6.00am.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV 6.00 The Sunday Review. 6.30 News, Sport and Weather. 7.00 The Sunday Programme

8.00 Dragon Flyz. Animation (9409774). 8.25 Disney Club (S) (14388861).

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10.15 Link (5) (1199861). *
10.30 Sunday Live (5) (2223045).
10.55 Morning Worship. An Ecumenical Remembrance Service from St Mary's Parish Church, West Kingston, Wiltshire. Including a two-minute silence at 11am (5) (9231855). *
12.00 Sunday Live. Continued (b) (59872).

12.30 Crosstalk (Followed by LWT Weather) (33403).
1.00 News and Weather (86720590).
1.10 Jonathan Dimbleby. Talks to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, and his Labour shadow, Margaret Beckett (S) (1531126).
2.00 Carbon Time (64344045).

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2.15 War and Remembrance. Nothing to do with Remembrance Sunday, but the epic wartime soap follow-up to Winds of War (R) (362887).
4.15 Mag Gregory's Girl (Bill Forsyth 1981 UK). Terrific early Forsythian saga, with John Gordon Sinclair as the gangly and painfully shy goalkeeper who develops a crush on the beautiful new girl on the team, Dee Hepburn. Clare Grogan, Chic Murray and Alex Norton co-star (92931652).

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6.00 Dining Out. New series about the revolution in eating out since the 1960s (S) (403).

6.30 London Tonight (332519). *

6.45 News and Weather (242942). *

7.00 One in a Million. A Texan who joined his own funeral wake, and an incredible bullet-proof earning. Philip Schofield is responsible (S) 19213). *

7.30 Heartbeat. Nick investigates a violent incident on the golf course (S) (85039). *

8.30 You've Been Framed! (S) (4768). *

9.00 London's Burning (S) (4768). *
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10.00 Sometime, Never. Zzitcom (S) (98701). *
10.30 News and Weather (Followed by LWT Weather) (656045). *

10.45 The South Bank Show. Painter Howard Hodgkin

profiled. See Preview, p30 (S) (497768). *

11.45 Theatreland, Report on the new production of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf starring David Suchet and Diana Rigg (S) (419720).

12.15 Miami Vice (465072).

1.15 Cosch (R) (S) (20140). 1.45 Cool Vibes (S) (2887614).

1.55 Tomboy (Herb Freed 1985 U5). Teen drama about a young female garage mechanic. Starring Betsy Russell (294275). 3.35 Not Fade Away (R) (S) (2060275). 4.35 Flux (R) (S) (8021430). 5.30 News (31968), To 6.00am.

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6.20 Bitz! 6.20 Bitz! 7.15 Ric. 7.45 Biker Mice from Mars. 8.10 Earthworm Jim. 8.35 Street Sharks.

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9.20 Saved by the Bell (R) (1632316). *
9.45 Sister Sister (S) (441774).
10.15 Wise Up (S) (360855).
10.45 Hollycaks Omnibus. One definition of heli (S) (58(5923). *

11.40 The Waltons (R) (2116942). 12.40 Rookies, Youth sports magazine (7270294). 1.15 EXEM Air Force | Howard Hawks 1943 US). World War II drama, focusing on the crew of an army

plane which sets a dangerous course for the Pacific, Starring John Garfield, Arthur Kermedy and Harry Carey (51108942). *

3.30 ITEM Confidential Agent I Howard Shumlin 1945
U.S.). Brutal yet pedestrian Hollywood version of the Graham Greene story about an ageing Spanish Chall Wassessen J Charles Bross) who care to Civil War veteran I Charles Boyer) who goes to Britain to prevent a Fascist business dea! and who then gets gnef from an unsavoury cast of villains led by Peter Lorre. A self-conscious-looking Lauten Bacall co-stars (Followed by News Summary and Weather) (802667491. *

5.45 THE Westbound | Budd Boetticher 1959 U5).
Union soldier Randolph Scott is sent to a Confederate-sympathising town to protect a gold shipment. Virginia Mayo supports (9890861).
7.00 Equinos: What's in a Number? See Preview, p30

8.00 Nothing But the Truth. Debates the right of Prince Charles to earn a banning injunction against his former housekeeper's revelations about life at Highgrove. The Housekeeper's Diary (4045). 9.00 Leaving Home. Sir Simon Rattle concludes his tour of 20th-century orchestra! music by looking

for future trends amonest contemporary composers. Turnage, Knussen and Birtwistle are amongst those featured (S) (1381). *
10.00 Etc. Night Shift (Ron Howard 1982 US). See The Big Picture, p30 (S) (2890). *

12.00 Chain of Hope. Toni Strasburg's follow-up to Chain of Tears, his 1988 film looking at the effects of warfare on children in southern Africa (91121). 1.00 FRM In Custody Ilsmail Merchant 1993 Ind). Shashi Kapoor plays a teacher who is overjoyed, then distillusioned, when he is sent to interview an

Urdu poet whom he idolises (63432324). * 3.20 THE Lone Wolf Takes a Chance (Sidney Salkow 1941 US), Warren William plays the serial jewel thief hero (9596492). To 4.35am.

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Radio 3 (90 2-92 4MHz FM) 7.00am Sacred and Profane. 9.00 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning. 12.15 Music Matters. Is there any

such thing as good taste in mu-sic? And does it matter? 1.00 Great French Dishes. Chou-croute. Not to be confused with 1.25 The Sunday Concert. 2.45 Spirit of the Age. [1/2]. 3.45 Brendel's Beethover, intro-

duced by pianist Affred Brendel with Misha Donat.

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aclean 9.05 Steve 5.45 The Sunday Feature: Between Two Worlds. A personal exploration of Islam by Robert Fisk of the Independent, See Choice, above. 6.30 Nobuko Imal and Roland Pontinen, Music for viola and pf-

9.50 Drama Now: Copper Sulphate. A radio debut for the young playwright David Greig Set in West Africa, it tells the story of a young man who re-turns to the former colony of Bushiya to discover more about the death of a prominent politi-

Jenkins. (2/2).

5.00-6.00am Sequence

cal activist who was once his

boyhood friend. 11.30 Jean Jenkins: A Musical Legacy. Janet Topp Fargion ex-plores the field recordings of leg-endary ethnomusicologist Jean

12.00 Record Review.
1.15 Through the Night. With Donald Macleod.

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92.4-94.6MHz FM; 1980Hz LW) 6.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Something Understood. 6.55 Weather.

7.00 News.
7.10 Sunday Papers.
7.15 The Living World. 8.55 Weather.
9.00 News.
9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter from America.

9.30 The Archers. Omnibus edi-10.30 Ceremony of Remembrance from the Cenotaph. Eric Robson describes the scene as Her

1.00 The World This Weekend. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time.

Choice

The Independent's Middle East correspondent, Robert Fisk (left), offers a personal view of Islam, and how such a demanding religion copes with the modern age,

7.40 Sunday. 8.50 The Week's Good Cause.

Majesty the Queen leads the tra-ditional wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

11.45 Mediumwave. 12.15 Desert Island Discs, With writer, traveller and philosopher Sir Laurens van der Post. 12.55 Weather.

2.30 Classic Serial: Women in Love, By 0 H Lawrence, (3/4), 3.30 Pick of the Week, 4.15 Analysis. S.00 News; Gosling en Espana. 5.30 Poetry Please! 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 Six O'Clock News. 7.00 Children's BBC Radio 4: Into

the Dark. By Nicholas Wilde. 8.00 (FM) The Natural History Pro-8.00 (LW) Deutsch Plus.

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10.45 Breakaway. 11.15 in Committee. 11.45 Seeds of Faith. 12.00 News. 12.20 Bells on Sunday. 12.30 The Late Story: On the Death of Ken Saro-Wiwa. By

12.48 Shipping Forecast.
1.00-6.00am As World Service.

Radio 5

(83,909th: NW) 6.00am Brief Lives 6.30 Brien Hayes 9.05 Sunday with Mair 11.35 Spe-cial Assignment 12.05 The Big Byte 12.30 Crime Desk 12.55 Standay 12.30 Crime bask 12.35 Suntay Sport 6.05 Sportscall 7.00 News Ex-tra 7.35 You Cannot Be Serious 8.35 Sex Lives 9.00 Dailyn Worldwide 19.05 Acid Test 10.35 Out This Week 12.00 Night Edita 11.35 Sports/merica 12.05 Night Moves 2.05 Up All Night 5.00-6.00am

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6.00am Hour of Power (69584). 7.00 Undun (90855). 9.00 Geraldo

bunter (83579) 12 00 60 Minutes 2.00-6.00am Hit Mix (15898). 6.00am Two for the Road (1967) (58126), 8.00 All Hands on Deck (1961) (410-45), 10.00 Caught in the

the Villa Fionta (1965) (59070), 2.00 My Brother's Keeper (1994) (25478). 4.00 The Next Karate Kid (1994) (9478), 6.00 Sherlock Undercover Dog (1994) (38942), 8.00 As Good as Dead (1995) (3687), 10.00 Interview with the Vampier (1994) (12229045), 12.05 Awake to Danger 11995) (383445). 1,40 Night Eyes 11990) (199256). 3,15 You Talkin' to Me? (1987) (738275). 4.50-6.00am Undercover Dog (1994) (66242053).

(49032403), 12.15 O Henry's Full House (1952) (4223855), **2.1**5 The Seven Year Nch (1955) (7318039). 4.00 Bus Stop (1956) (62483774). 5.35 Let's Make Love (1960) (20609107). 7.35 Marilyn: The Untold Story (1980) (93435961). 10.00 Performance (1970) (2615887). 11.55 The Rachel Papers (1989) (4502590). 1.30 Spenser: For Hire (1985) (2753169). 3.10-4.50am They Live by Night (1949) (1733188).

7.00am los Hockey (378328). 9.30 Trans World Sport (88749). 10.30 Drag Racing (44126). 11.00 Football (35942). 12.00 Squash (75584). 1.00 Trans World Sport (57132). 2.00 Rugby Update (62294). 4.00 Futbol Mundial (5590). 4.30 International Football (67805), 5,30 Squash (75958), 6,30 Basketball (9),5107). 9.00 NFL: San Francisco 49es vs Dal-las Cowboys - Live (978316). 12.00-2.30am Basketball (771459)

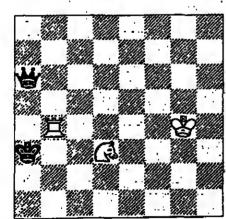
(9169768), 5,00 Watersoorts (2315768), 6,00 Spanish Football (9758403), 8,30 Football Review (9673768). 11.00 Olympics: The Road to Giory (6340497), 12,00-1,00am Superbies 1995 (8720398). SKY SPORTS 3

7,00am Football Extra (38131294).

11.00 Watersports (70167823), 12.00 Football (73692316), 3.00 Ice Hockey (55214749), 5.00 Sports Un-smitted (36344213), 6.00 High File (1001618), 6.00 High File (10915316), 6.30 Asian Gott (86511497), 7,30 Squash (42589478), 8,30 Golf (18074710), 11.00 Drag Racing (50385720), 11.30 Speed and Beauty (99863294). 12.00 Speash (93938966), 1.30 Speed and Beauty (55293256), 2.00-3.00am Watersports (45289689),

6.00am Revelations 6.30 Looking for Love 7.00 Spanish Archer 7.30 Mind and Body 8.00 Why Files 8.30 Video Box 9.00 Fate and Fortune 9.30
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Monster Sport Show 11.03 Fale and Fortune 11.30 The Sex Show 12.00-

Chess William Hartston



As I sipped my cocoa in the Greasy Pawn cafe the other night, I spotted an old man alone in the corner fiddling with a few chessmen. "Mind if I join you?" I asked. Without looking up, he said, in a strongly

central European accent, "Bleck moofs," Vite moofs, Bleck moofs, Vite mates." "Ah!" I said. 'A helpmate in two," Then, rather smugly, I must admit, I made two moves on each side to leave Black checkmated. "Pretty," I said dismissively.

"No." he said, resetting the men. "Is wrong position. Is black rook, not queen." And he replaced the queen on a6 by a rook. I looked again, slightly irritated, but sooo found the two moves leading to checkmate. Again he reset the men, this time with a black knight on a6. I solved that too, but a similar thing happened twice more, with

black bishop and black pawn on a6. When I solved the last one, the old man quietly huttoned his coat and walked out of the cafe without a word. Only then did I realise that the swine had drunk my cocoa. Answers: a) 1.Qf6 Nc5 2.Qb2 Ra4; h) 1.Rb6 Rb1 2.Rb3 Ra1; c) 1.Nc5 Nc1 2.Na4 Rh3; d) 1.Bc4 Nc1 2.Ba2 Nc2; e) 1.a5 Rb3+

2 Ka4 Nc5 (composed by G Forsberg).

You may have missed...

.. unsafe cybersex and other E-male tales from the week's news.

Sibling rivalry A Chinese 15-year-old was reported in the Yangcheng Evening News to have confessed to the murder of his 14-year-old brother and 11-year-old sister. The boy believed that his parents were too poor to afford to educate all their children. "If my parents only have to send one child to school, I'll

be able to attend university,

he was quoted as saying.

A woman in Little Rock, Arkansas, called police to complain that her husband had attacked her after she bad erased an Internet communications program from his computer. She had discovered that he was using it to send sexually explicit messages to a virtual lover

In Nicaragua, 25 peasants in

a truck had their shoes

stolen by four armed men.

Great shoe robbery

The truck tyres were also shot out, forcing the victims to go barefoot for help.

Imprudence A case opened in the High Court concerning a 15-year-old boy who had bought a scratch card for his mother. who subsequently collected the £10,000 prize. Camelot

brought the case to decide

whether the sale was lawful.

The judge admitted he did

looked like. The mother's

name was Prudence.

not know what o scratch card

The city of Fuyang io China has auctioned management contracts for 18 public toilets in a bid to boost lavatorial standards. Dramatic improvements have already been reported. "People wanting to spend a penny in China have been given

Privatised privies

Islamic lenience An Iranian man had four fingers cut off after 12 convictions for theft.

15 Sweet potato (3)

21 Cutting implement (5)

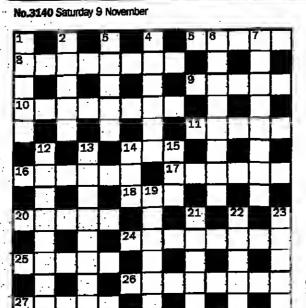
22 Adult female (5) 23 Aquatic mammal (5)

19 Genuinely (6)

the chance of a lifetime,

an official report said.

concise crossword



ACROSS Perfume (5) Swiss cheese (8) Languid mode of

14 Filthy place (3) 16 Curb (6) 17 Arouse (6) 18 Limb (3)

26 Former sweetheart (3.5)

Apt to let in water (5) Sing (5)

DOWN

Grind the teeth (5) speech (5) 10 Paraffin-oil (8) Seabird (6) Woollen jacket (8) Just-married (5-3) 11 Material used in gramo-12 Yellow flower (8) phone records (5) 13 Worship of false gods (8) 14 Body of salt water (3)

20 Amused expression (5) 24 Mackintosh (8) 25 Phunder (5)

27 E African country (5) Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Harvard, 5 Sheer (Hertfordshire), 8 Trend, 9 Curious, t0 Hilarious, 12 Err, 13 Annual, 14 Escape, 17 Rio, 18 Milliners, 20 Conquer, 21 Expel, 23 Terse, 24 Tidings,
DOWN: 1 Hutch, 2 Rue, 3 Andorra, 4 Doctor, 5 Saris, 6 Exmerate, 7 Reserve, 11 Landowner, 13 Apricot, 15 Supend, 16 Claret, 18 Mouse, 19 Silks, 22 Pen.

(85010), 10.00 Young Indiana Jones (75590), 11.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose (62300), 11.30 Real TV (82229), 12.00 WWF (70958), 1.00 Star Tiek (83478), 2.00 Mysterious Island (54565), 3.00 Boys of Twilight (86045), 4.00 Great Escapes (9774). 4.30 Real TV (5958). 5.00 Kung Fu (2132), 6.00 The Simpsons (3923). 6.30 The Simpsons (5313), 7.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (37213), 8.00 X Files Re-Opened (19861). 9.00 The Tom-myknockers (16720). 11.00 Man-

Crossine (1994) (99039), 12.00 Give My Regards to Broad Street (1984) (68768), 2.00 Dad, the Angel and Me (1995) (942403), 3.40 Death on the Nie 1978) (342403), 5.44 Ocari Oli Iria Nie 1978) (21135720), 6.00 Lutte Glarts | 1994) (30300). 8.00 Street Fighter (1994) (15045). 10.00 Philodelphia | 1993) (12221403), 12.05 The Movie Show (6985879). 12.35 Dangerous Game (1993) (871527), 2.25 Some Kind of Miracle (1979) (5599879), 3.55-6.00am

6.00am Brigham Young (1940) (55768), 8.00 Four Jills in a Jeep (1944) (49687), 10.00 Family Prayers

3.00pm Golf (2497316), 3.30 Golf

Bridge Alan Hiron Love all; dealer South North ◆AK7542 QΑγ ♦K73 West East **♦**Q 1093 **+**J8 V10984 C63 **OJ986** ♦Q 10 4 **♦**Q852 **♣**KJ10 South **4**6

This is the type of problem hand that probably comes along more often than you think and vet the solution is usually missed at the table. I suppose it is the old stary: matters are always easier if you have been told that there is a good play. South opened I ♥, North quietly

♦A52

tries 1 4, and South rebid 24. It all

Perplexity

A Larousse Desk Reference Encyclopedia will be awarded to the first correct answer opened on 14

went on for too long: 2.5. Ithe fourth suit) by North, 2NT by South. 3♠ (forcing) from North, and 3NT from South. North still would not

6.90ms Night-Time Programmes

hope of shutting his partner up. South tried 6 ♥ and all passed. West led a trump against 6 ", and there you have your problem. To rely on a 3-3 break in spades is a little naive, and it doesn't work either if you cash your top two spades and ruff a spade. You are over-ruffed and after, say, a club switch, you will end up a trick short.

give up and jumped to 5 %! In the

It does not look a likely start, but try the effect of a low spade from dummy at trick two. You win any minor suit return in hand, cross to dummy's second high frump and ruff a low spade in hand. Now you can draw the last two frumps and you still have OK on the table as an entry to the now established spades. This all leads to five trump tricks. four spades, two diamonds and a club. Total - 12 tricks. Bingo!

Mixed doubles:

Each rat usage wiped pin hoops.

That sentence conceals three related one-word answers. To find them, all you have to do is regroup the six words into three pairs, then rearrange the letters within each

Entries to: Perplexity, the Independent, 1 Canada Square. Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL.

26 October competition answers Perplexity: Rainclouds (land curios), showers (her sows), thunderstorm (Hurd's torment). Literacy: Can Numeracy: The simplest of many

Winner: Rose Dacre (York)

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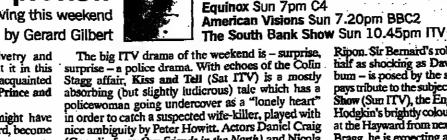
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here's more to royalty than velvetry and fine rags, as Fergie would have put it in this week's edition of Hello! had she been acquainted with Mark Twain's children's classic The Prince and the Pauper (Sun BBC1).

Twain's book, which imagines what might have happened had the Tudor princeling, Edward, become mistaken for his spitting image, a cockney commoner (and vice versa), is the latest children's classic to be adapted for the Sunday tea-time slot. It comes from the same team who made Little Lord Fauntieroy, and, as in that nicely-judged drama, the juvenile lead is cute withoul being cloying. And just because it's a children's drama, it doesn't mean that the sets are made of cardboard and the expenses have been spared on the costumes - which is just as well when you realise the potential for overseas sales. Little Lord Fauntleroy went on to win an Emmy in America, and the BBC will hoping for something similar here. Keith Michell, by the way, reprises his most famous role and, if anything, his Henry VIII has go! more life-



The Road from Jarrow Sat 8.10pm BBC2

Prince and the Pauper Sun 5pm BBC1

Kiss and Tell Sat 9pm ITV

side) are among the forces of law and order, and the spirit of *Prime Suspect* hovers nearby. Talking of Our Friends in the North, the drama's writer, Peter Flannery, is one of those taking part in The Road from Jarrow (Sat BBC2), a personal odyssey through the last 60 years of British history by Mrs Thatcher's former press minder, Sir Bernard Ingham. The agenda is broadly Thatcherite, and, if you can swallow that, this is an ingeniously structured history lesson. It follows the marchers' steps from Jarrow to London, and takes in the Church of England's role in politics, unemployment, Methodism, social mobility and

(Geordie from Our Friends in the North) and Nicola

Stephenson (lipstick lesbian, Margaret, from Brook-

Ripon. Sir Bernard's robus! Yorkshire vernacular isn't half as shocking as David Hockney's. Hockney - hobum - is posed by the side of a swimming pool as he pays tribute to the subject of this week's The South Bank Show (Sun ITV), the English painter Howard Hodgkin. Hodgkin's brightly coloured abstractions will be parked. at the Hayward from next month, but, as he tells Melvyn Bragg, he is expecting a rotten press from the colourphobic British art press.

He would have got an even lousier reception from the Pilgrim Fathers, as Robert Hughes explains in his continuing series, American Visions (Sun BBC2). This week, Hughes reaches back to the "radical bareness" of the 17th-century protestant colonisers, who, if they had not been such a God-fearing lot, might have embraced the aesthetic beauty of pure mathematics. This week's Equinox (Sun C4) does the job instead, taking us through pi (as in 3.141 etc; a pair of Russian emigrés in New York has worked it out to eight billion decimal places - and they look like they have), fractals and string theory. String theory? It's probably the transport revolution before they have even reached the answer to everything - so there.



The big match

Georgia v England -Sat 11am Sky Sports 1 Highlights BBC1 10.50cm

Should he be playing? Should he beabywhere neer an England stitt: "Saint Glen" Hoddle obviously thinks Paul Gascoigne (above) is reformable – and, " anyhow, this is a World Cup qualifier. Note the unusual start time:



Saturday television and radio

BBC 1

7.05 The Pink Parither Show (R) (2481354). 7.25 News, Weather (2631644). 7.30 Children's 8BC: The Morph Files, 7.40 Speed

Racer. 8.05 The Real Adventures of Joriny Quest. 8.30 The New Adventures of Superman (3099422). * 9.15 Live and Kicking (S) (900118).

11.15 The Lord Mayor's Show. Barry Davies describes the scene as this anachronistic piece of street theatre hits the City of London once again (Subsequent programmes may change) (514880). 12.12 Weather (4269373).

12.15 Grandstand; 12.20 Football Focus, 1.00 News. 1.10 Racing from Chepstow: the 1.15 Osmington Mills Holiday and Permit Trainers Association Handicap Chase, 1.25 Snooker, The second semifrom Chepstow: the 1.45 Tote Silver Trophy. 1.55
Snooker. 2.10 Racing from Chepstow: the 2.15
Rising Stars Novice Chase. 2.25 Snooker. 2.40 Rugby Union: Scotland v Australia. Live coverage from Murrayfield (kick-off 3.00). 4.40 Final Score (S) (38099151).

5.20 News, Weather (7877712). 5.30 Regional News and Weather (115170). 5.35 Tom and Jerry (292267).

5.45 Children in Need. Terry Wogan continues the build-up to the annual fundraiser (S) (281151). * 5.55 Jim Davidson's Generation Game (S) (881267). * 6.55 Noei's House Party (S) (461847).

7.50 The National Lottery Live. Jimmy Nail gets the balls rolling (S) (722064). * 8.05 Casualty. Caravan site grief for two young girls (S) (740847). *

8.55 News and Sport; Weather (Followed by National Lottery Update) (588977). *

9.15 Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance, In the 75th anniversary year of the Royal British Legion, Her Majesty the Queen, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the royal family join the congregation for a festival of remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall (Subsequent programmes may change) (S) (92408267), *
10.50 International Match of the Day, Highlights of

England's World Cup qualifying match against Georgia in Tbilisi. Plus, rather shorter highlights of Holland v Wales and Northern Ireland v Germany. See The big match, above (S) (2214625). *
11.55 The Stand-Up Show. Father Ted's Ardal O'Hanlon Introduces another batch of microphone turns:

Al Murray, Marcus Brigstocke, Sean Meo and Sean Lock (S) (754847). 12.25 Top of the Pops. From last night, with Simply Red, Bjork and – yes, I'm afrald so – Robson and Jerome. Jockey Frankie Dettori, rather oddly, is the

1.00 Woodstock 94. Further highlights from Woodstock 94', including performances by Jimmy Cliff, Green Day, the Spin Doctors, Arrested Development,

James and the Neville Brothers (627855).

2.40 Weather (7845297). To 2.45am.

BBC2

7.15 TIME The Saint Strikes Back (John Farrow 1939 U5). George Sanders' Simon Templar delves into the San Francisco underworld to find out who is

framing Wendy Barne's father (3642151).

8.20 Open University: Education for All? (4247625).

8.45 Empowerment (6038712). 9.10 A Question of Identity (4790441).

10.00 Chanakya (S) (6322985). 10.35 Network East (S) (6935996) 11.20 Bollywood or 8ust! (S) (9471002). 11.50 Film 96 with Barry Norman. Michael Collins and

The First Wives Club are re-Bazza'd (6165731). 12.20 The Gay Divorce (Mark Sandrich 1934 US). Having stolen Flying Down to Rio from its nominal headliners, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were given top billing for this lyrical musical about mistaken identities - dancing to Cole Porter's 'Night and Day', and doing an Oscar-winning 'The Continental'. Treat yourself (266996). *
2.00 We Dive at Dawn (Anthony Asquith 1943

UK). The first of a double-bill of wartime movies directed by Asquith, and staming John Mills, is an exciting yam about British submarines hunting German battleships in the Baltic (966644). * 3.35 The Way to the Stars (Anthony Asquith 1945 UK). The lives and loves of a group of RAF airmen in this excellent, Terence Rattigan-scripted upper lip-stiffener. A first-rate cast includes Michael

Redgrave and John Mills (304183).* 5.20 TOTP 2. Pop old and new (S) (9479828). 6.05 Rhodes. 8/8. Last Sunday's concluding episoda

again (S) (589557). *
7.00 News and Sport; Weather (140052). *
7.15 Assignment. Reporter Ben Brown Investigates Indonesia's President Suharto and his kinsmen. who have become one of the richest families in the world despite the extreme poverty of the rest of the country (S) (136809). *

8.00 What the Papers Say. According to Christopher 5ylvester of the Daily Express (S) (322248). 8.10 The Road from Jarrow. See Preview, above (S)

8,40 The Car's the Star. The story of the Mkll Jaguar (the one inspector Morse drives) (S) (449480). * 9.00 Have I Got News for You. Vincent Hanna and Tony lawks guest from last night (R) (S) (2118)

9.30 Prelude to a Kiss (Norman René 1992 US). Offibeat romantic fantasy whereby, after a whirtwind romance, Alec Baldwin and Meg Ryan are married, But when a mysterious old man kisses the bride, she undergoes a personality change (S) (423170). 11.15 Later with Jools Holland. (New Series) Kula

Shaker, Joe Cocker, Jackson Browne, the Blue Nile and Orbital are the opening guests (S) (688064). 1.15 DEST The Traitor (Michael McCarthy 1957 UK). Second World War spies discover, during a reunion, that one of their number was responsible for betraying them to the Gestapo. With Donald Wolfit (Then Weatherview) (883395). To 2,45am.

ITV/London

Professor Bubble. 6.50 Bug Alert! 7.10 Disney's Wake Up in the Wild Room. 8.20 Gargoyles, 8.50

Alien Rangers (1038373).

9.25 Wow. Parither and Wolf from the Gladiators pay a visit, as boy-band 911 play live (S) (72472809).

11.00 The Noise. Cornes this week from New York, where Cyndi Lauper is our guide. Plus, a report from Kula Shaker's tour of Berlin (S) (9880).

11.30 The Chart Show (S) (98083). 12.30 Love Bites. Looking at dream dates and the issue of sex before marriage, while the studio guest is Gladiator Rhino. Last in series (S) (68712).

1.00 News & Weather (38884793). * 1.05 Local News, Weather (38883064). * 1.10 Movies, Games and Videos (7275248). 1.45 Cartoon Time (24449489).

2.05 (IIII) The Sandwich Man (Robert Hartford-Davis 1966 UK). Sami-silent vehicle for Michael Bentine finds the ex-Goon playing a sandwich-board man and pigeon-fancier wandering the streets of London anxiously awaiting news of his prize pigeon. If that weren't enough, the supporting cast includes Dora Bryan, Suzy Kendall, Norman Wisdom and (scart consolation) Terry-Thomas (146793).

3.50 SeaQuest 2032 (S) (2707557). 4.45 News; Sports Results; Weather (5108151). *
5.05 London Tonight; Sports Results (Followed by LWT Weather) (5285915). *

5.20 New Baywatch (S) (1984737). * 6.15 Gladiators (S) (313248), * 7.15 Blind Date (Including Lottery Result) (S)

(335460). *
8.15 Family Fortunes. Two families compete for cash and prizes under the cheery countenance of Les Dennis (S) (639538). *

8.45 News; Weather; Lottery Result (Followed by LWT Weather) (593809). * 9.00 Kiss and Tell. Feature-length police drama. See. Preview, above (S) (80145002). *

11.10 ETEM Omen IV: the Awakening (Jorge Montesi, Dominique Othenin-Girard 1991 US). Ignore the title, this made-for-TV honor movie has little else to do with the once-successful series. I mean, an Omen movie without a Damlen? Anvhow, the story: a young couple who are unable to have children adopt a baby girl. Need I say more? Faye

Grant and Michael Woods 'star' (670712). *
1.00 Furmy Business. The ubiquitous Ardal O'Hanlon Joins Vic and Bob (5) (88768). 1.30 Tropical Heat. US detective series. A bounty hunter

and an FBI agent are out to settle a score (S) 2.25 The Chart Show (R) (S) (1362213). 3.15 E! News Review (7161107).

5.30 News (35045). To 6.00am.

4.05 God's Gift (R) (5918403). 4.55 Night Shift (R) (S) (60728749). 5.05 Coach. Luther feels suffocated by his relationship with Lorraine (R) (S) (2926958).

Channel 4

6.00 Sesame Street (1410118). 6.55 The Magic School Bas (3035793), 7.30 Really Wild Animals (7751118), 7.50 First Edition (2384731), 8.05 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice

8.35 Hang Time (6034996). 9.00 The Morning Line (70731). 10.00 Gazzetta Football Italia (57793). 11.00 Blitz! (S) (77557).

12.00 Sign On. Visits the Deaf Film and Television Festival in Newcastle (S) (38083). 12.30 Sept Test Pilot (Victor Fleming 1938 US). Clark

Gable and Spencer Tracy play a couple of test pilots, supported by Myrna Loy and Lionel Barrymora (74264267). * 2.40 Racing from Doncaster and Wincarton. Brough Scott and John Francome introduce end of the season flat racing. Doncaster: The 2.55 Co-operative Bank Seriby Stakes, 3.30 Tote Credit. November Handicap and the 4.05 Coalite Dragon Handicap Stakes. Wincanton: The 3.10 Badger Bear Handicap Chase and 3.45 Tanglefoot Elite

Hurdle (S) (82329828). 4.35 Four-Mations: Electric Passions. Computer

animated special effects (S) (4353199).
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (S) (7560462). *
6.30 Right to Reply (S) (977). *
7.00 A Week In Politics (S) (1606).

8.00 In Remembrance: Ken Saro-Wiwa. Tribute to the Nigerian human rights leader on the first anniversary of his death. His hanging by the military dictatorship led to international outrage and Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth (S) (2034). *

9.00 ER. Farnously controversial episode where Dr Greene makes a fatal blunder in misdiagnosing a pregnant patient (R) (833002). *
9.55 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole, Includes the sketch where Minder actor Gary Webster wakes up

peside Brand (R) (S) (850828). 10.25 NYPD Blue. The snappily edited cop squad

Investigate on discovering a pregnant woman's charred remains (R) (513557).

11.25 Inter Zardoz (John Boorman 1973 UK). Beautifully photographed, supremely fatuous sci-ff tale with Sean Connery (plus loincloth) as the only red-blooded male in a colony of hyper-intellectua

and Immortal women. Charlotte Rampling takes our hero's fancy (697489). * 1.20 Late Licence: Battle Angel Alita, Manga mayhem

. (S) (8722671). 2.30 The New Twent Zone. Jenny Agutter stars in the tale of an ageing Lancelot summoned by Merlin

2.55 United States of Television. Out-take from the 500 or so channels on offer (R) (S) (9130855).

3.40 Full Frontal. Australian humour (S) (18153294). 4.10 The Real World. US flatshare verité (S) (3449403). To 5.10am.

ITV/Regions

AMELIA
As London except: 12.30pm Moves, Games and Videos (687/12): 1.10 Beach Volleytell (39952354): 1.40 Touring Cars (29/1069/15): 2.10 Almost (2197354): 3.10 Film: The Hollywood Detective (7099/809): 1.00em Carnel Knowledge (673/16): 2.00em Film: Up the Junction (72497): 4.00am Sound Bites (764/15942): 4.10am Heiter Sleater (5837584): 5.00-5.30em World of Salling (44836).

CHARRE 3 NORTH EAST/YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.30pm Movies, Garries and
Videos (68712), 1.10 Thunder in Paradise (5394505)2.05 Film: Toby Tyler (420267), 3.45 Aiswolf
(888977), 5.10 Chemnel 3 North East Sull Time
(5629557), Varies, Scoreline (5629557), 1.30am
Coach (5511836), 1.55am War and Riemenbrance (876294), 3.45am Lata & Loud (2806768),
4.40-5.30am Murder, She Wrote (5298316).

CRITICAL
As London except: 12:30pm Premiera (68712), 1.10
Cartoon (86740354), 1.25 Dinosatirs (39958532),
1.55 Eastern Mix (29102199), 2.25 Movies,
Carnes and Videos (57443335), 2.55 Airwolf
(1234335), 3.50 RoboCop (2707557), 5.10 Central Match – Gosls Edra (6629557), 4.05em Jobind er (41 19300). 5.20-5.30am Asian Eye (1458294).

As London except: 12.30pm West: Movies, Games and Videos (68712). Wales: California Officer. (1731:1538). 12.45 Wales: Rugby 2000 (17309793). 1.10 West: Bristol City - The Glory Years (7397915). 1.40 Wales: The Electric Chair (29106915). 2.10 Film: Vera Cruz (434460). 3.55 Knight Rider (9882373): 1.00am Carnel Knowledge (67316). 2.00am Film: Up the Junction (12497). 4.00am Sound Bites (76415942). 4.10am Helter Stelter (5837584). 5.00-5.30am World of Salling (44836).

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Radio 1

197.6-99 BMH: FMH 7.00am Kevin Greening 10.00 Dave Pearce 1.00 Jo Whiley 4.00 John Feel 7.00 Lovegroove Dance Party with Danny Rampling 9.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 12.00 The Radio 1 Reggae Dancetall Nite 2.00 Essentiat Mix: Bedroom (1)

Radio 2

65 90 180 FMD 6.00am Ma Dutta 2.05 Bran Matthew 10.00 Steve Wright's Saturday Show 1.00 Carrott's Cornety Choice 1.30 The News Huddines 2.00 Judi Spiers 4.00 Nick Barractough 5.00 Reading Music 6.00 Runng in Concert 7.00 Radio 2 Young Musician 1996 Showcaso 8.00 Royal British Legion Festival of Remem-brance 9,15 David Jacobs 10,00 Folk at War 12.05 Charles Nove 4.00-6.00am No Dutta Radio 3

7.00am Record Review. 9.00 Suilding a Library. 10.15 Record Release. 11.15 Registres. 12.00 Private Passions, Michael Berkeley talks to Cleo Laine. 1.00 News: Simon Rattle - Home

and Away.

3.00 The Department Score. Celebrity Challenge.
3.30 Young Artists' Forum. Precented by Sandy Burnett. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests. With Geoffrey Smith, live from the fover of the Queen Elizabeth all, the very heart of the London Jazz Festival.

5.45 Music Matters, is there any such thing as good laste in music.' And does it matter? Ivan Hewett considers notions nedieval period to the present. and dramatic opera of love. irder and revenge by James MacMillan, based on a play about the murder of the epony mous crown prince of Portugal by John Clifford, introduced by Geoffrey Baskerville. 9.15 Building for the Arts. Art

centres should make sense, arzues Sir John Drummand. They are cheap, they become a destination in themselves and they encourage people to expand their horizons. But do they generate interesting archire? (6:6). 9.45 Zehelmair's Bach, The

Choice

I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (12.25pm R4, left) struggles on to the airwaves for a new series - this may be the last ioke faces compulsory retirement. Later, veteran eccentric, ivor Cutter, appears on Stanza on Stage (11.30pm R4).

plays Bach's solo sonalos and partias. Recorded at the 1995 Edinburgh International Festival in the atmospheric setting of Greyfrairs Kirk, Bach; Sonata No 2 in A minor. 10.15 Impressions. Live from the Vortex Jazz Bar in Stoke New-

voriet Jazz bur in stoke New-ington, Brian Morton intic-duces the quinter led by saxophorist Bobby Wellins and bromborist Scott Stroman 12.30 Misterioso, Ian Carr intro-duces tracks from mid-50s recording: made by Theichious Monk, which were receiving enthusiastic reviews at the time, (4/8).

Radio 4 657年計劃新聞 1558年間 6.00am News Briefing 6.10 Faming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day.

6.55 Weather. 7.00 Today. 8.58 Weather 9.05 Sport on 4. 10.00 News: Loose Ends. 17.00 News: The Week in West-11.30 EuroFile. Lucy Ash goes

discovers prisoners awaiting that who are suffocating in 12.00 Money Box. See choice, above. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News: Any Answers?
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: On the

5.00 File on 4. 5.40 The Wardrobe. 1.00 Through the Night. With Donald Macleod.
6.00-7.00am Sequence.

inside a Russian prison and 12.25 I'm Sorry | Haven's a Clue.

Edge of the World. Historical

drama by Mike Dorrell set at

the time of King John. When

Polishing up its Zimmer frame, before the Momington Crescent

> in remotest Pernbrokeshire be-comes vacant, Gerald of Wales feels his Welsh ancestry should make him the perfect candidate. But the King suspects separatist tendencies, and the Pope has to intervene.

4.00 News; A History of Reading in Five Volumes. Does reading not the brain and damage the womb? Don Fowler examines the history of rhetoric against women reading and asks why women now spend so much more time than men with books. 13.51.

4.30 Science Now. 5.50 Stripping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.25 Week Ending.6.50 Ad Lib. Robert Robinson

eavesdrops on a group of fish-7.20 Kale doscope Feature. The impact of Igor Stravinsky on 20th-century music is still not fully appreciated. Three contemporary composers pick a masterwork of their choice and evaluate his legacy. 7.50 On These Oays.

8.50 Saturday Night Theatre: The Butterfly Hunt. A tale of indi-vidual heroism by Matthew Solon. At the height of the Sec-ond World War, Ursula Graham Bower found herself and the Naga tribespeople confronting the advancing Japanese in a remote part of Burma with virtually no weapons and no trained soldiers. With Siriol enkins and Samuel West. 9.35 Classics with Key. 9.50 Ten to Ten.

10.15 The Seduction and Demise of Joseph Loughran. In Pearse Efficit's drama, soft-hearted

9.59 Weather.

to then hard work on a building site and a bit of love and lust. Then one fatal night he promises more than he can

possibly deliver. 11.15 The Lobsang Rampa-Lampa: Mystic and Plumber. William Scanlan Murphy tells Hoskins, the Devonshire plumber who reinvented himself as a Tibetan lama.

1.30 Stanza on Stage. Nor Cutter and his marvellous harmonium, recorded at the Dissipations.

recorded at the Birmingham Readers and Writers' Festival See choice, left. 12.30 The Late Story: Flesh, alood and Formalde Alex Jones.

12.48 Shipping Forecast.

1.00-6.00am As World Service.

(63, 905kk M/h) 6.00am Dirty Tackle 6,30 Brian Hayes 9.05 Weekend with Ker-shaw and Writtaker 11,05 Top Gear 11.35 Sick as a Parrot 11,55 Sport on Five 6.06 Six-O-Six 6.55 onship Boxing 12.05 Night Talk 2.00 Up All Night 5.00-6.00am Moming Reports

Classic FM

(1990-161-96th FM) 6.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Classic Countdown 12.00 Gardening Fo-rum 1.00 Alan Mann 4.00 Nick Bailey 7.00 Russian Revolation 8.00 Evening Concert. Gershwin An American in Paris, Delius: Pari - The Song of a Great City, Offen bach: Gaite Parisienne. Johann Svendsen: Carnival in Paris, Mozart: Symphony No 31 in D (Paris) 10,00 The Classic Quiz 12.00 Andre Leon 4.00 Travel Guide 5.00-6.00am Michael Fanstone.

6.00am Janey Lee Grace 8.00 Russ and Jone 10.00 Jeremy Lynn Parsons 10.00 Robin Banks 2.00-6.00am Howard Pearce

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1.00am Newsdesk 1.30 Inspira-tion 2.00 Newsday 2.30 People & Potitics 3.00 News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Music Review 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Short Story: The Old Man and His Suitcase 4.45 On the Move 5.00 Newsday

Satellite

7.00am Undun (98064). 9.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (23847). 10.00 Design-Ing Women (84373). 10.30 Murphy Brown (74809), 11.00 Parker Lew Can't Lose (16809), 11.30 Real TV (17538), 12.00 WWF (50557), 1.00 The Hit Mix (14915). 2.00 Hercules (85002). 3.00 The Lazarus Man (11354), 4.00 WWF (30489), 5.00 Pacific Blue (8441), 6.00 America's

Dumbest Criminals (5460), 6.30 Tyson Exclusive... with Roseanne (6712). 7.00 Hercules (35422), 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries (44170), 9.00 Cops I (29373), 9.30 Cops II (97536), 10.00 Stand and Deliver (99118), 10.30 Revelations (75538), 11.00 Movie Show (31118), 11.30 Young Indiana Jones (11286), 12.30 Dream On (65768). 1.00 Connedy Rules (61126). 1.30 The Edge (74132). 2.00-7.00am Hit Mix (40107).

SKY MOVIES 6.00am The Reinger, the Cook and a Hole in the Sky (1995) (56335), 8.00 They All Laughed (1981) (76354), 10.00 Kruli (1983) (97248), 12.00 10.00 Kruli (1983) (97246), 12.00 Jules Verne's BOD Leagues Down the Amazon (1994) (66977). 2.00 Curse of the Villing Grave (1991) (58373), 4.00 Troop Beverly Hills (1989) (3373). 6.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (1993) (45399). 8.00 Terminal Velocity (1994) (40354). 10.00 Deadbolt (1992) (572606). 11.40 Terminal Velocity (1994) (335422). 1.25 Object of Obsession (1994) (335427741. 3.00 Tex Obsession (1994) (147774), 3.00 The Arngant (1987) (54584), 4.30-6.00am The Beuerly Hillbillies (1993)

6.00am A-Haunting We Will Go (1942) (1088538). 7.10 Jitterbugs (1943) (7472037). 8.30 The Counterfeit Contessa (1994) (3435*1170*). 10,10 Norwood (1970) (42521248). 12,00 Forbidden Memories (1995) 97847). 2.00 Dead Mar's Revenge (1993) (56915). 4.00 Trapped in Par-adise (1915). 6.00 Camiliz (1994) (36151). 8.00 Speechless (1994) (48996). 10.00 Kaliomia (1993) (78985), 12.00 Cosmic Stop (1994) (36045), 1.30 Decadence (1993) (38331), 3.00 No-One Could Protect Her (1995) (581855), 4.40 (Riterbugs (1943) (85074749).

2KA WOALEZ GOITD A.00pm Son of Sinbad (1955) (847640), 6.00 The Muppets Tale Manhattan (1984) (2723064), 8.00 The Kilers (1984) (2735809), 10.00 The Beast (1988) (7758462), 12.00 Lenny Live and Unleashed (1989) (1042720), 1.40 Noticett the Interest (1972) Nosferatu the Vampyre (1979) (2775381). 3.20-4.50am Tom, Dick and Harry (1941) (22896132).

SKY SPORTS I 7.00am World Sport (45996). 7.30 Cavalcade (26489), 8.30 Racing News (62199), 9.00 Boxing, Count down to Judgement Might (36335). 10.00 Hold the Back Page (53915). 11.00 International Football: Georgia vs England (511471). 2.00 Boxing (38118). 3.00 Sports Saturday Results (423118). 5.30 lee Hockey (58147). 6.30 los Hockey – Live (134712). 9.00 Rugby Union Update (83083). 11.00-1.30am ica Hockey (988460).

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00am Sociar AM (5972267). 11.00 Motorsport: American Sports Cavalcade (6458460). 12.00 Goth in-side the PGA Senior Your (3516151).

12.30 Golf: Inside the PGA Tour (1954286). 1.00 The Rugby Club (1942441). 2.00 Astan Golf Show (7551996). 3.00 ke Hockey: NHL Power Week (2675557), 4.00 ASP Surfing (2654064), 5.00 High Flive (24/32489), 5.30 Boding: Countdown to Judgament Night (8079426), 6.30 International Football: Georgia vs England (1652020), 8.00-12.00 midnight Boxing: Judgement Night (Part One) — Live (3308809). SKY BOX OFFICE 12.00midnight Boxing: Judgement Night (Part 2) - Live (9039/107).

SKY SPORTS 3 3at 3-1953-3 12.00noon UK Skiff Saffing (56702354), 12.30 High Five (25304625), 1.00 World Motor Sport (87430460), 5.00 World Sport Spe-International (15029151), 7.00 Live Golf: Kapalus International (98424606), 8.30 Spanish Football (35220098). 11.00 UK Shiff Sailing (50498248). 11.30-12:00midnight

6.00am Revelations 6.30 Looking for Love 7.00 Spanish Archer 7.30 Mind and Body 8.00 Why Files 8.30 Video Box 9.00 Fate and Fortune 9.30 Fash-ion 10.00 Revelations 10.30 Looking for Love 11.00 Mind and Body 11.30 Spanish Archer 12.00 Gelf's Commun. for Love 11.00 Mind and Body 11.30 Spanish Archer 12.00 Gail's Campus Capers 12.30 Why Files 1.00 Looking for Love 1.30 Fate and Fortune 2.00 Fashion 2.30 Mind and Body 3.00 Chequered Flag 3.30 Fin Money 4.00 End's Monster Sport Show 5.30 Exa's Savanties Pop Show 6.00 Fashion 6.30 Eric's Monster Sport 7.00 Spanish Archer 7.30 Revelations 8.00 Pashion 9.03 Why Elec 9.30 Looking Bushido 9.03 Why Files 9.30 Looking for Love 10.03 Eric's Monster Sport 10.30 Stand-Up Live 11.03 Fate and Fortune 11.30 The Sex Show 12.00-6.00am Night-Time Programmes

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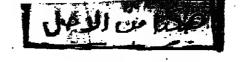
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It's flimsy, faded – and the most precious item in the world

This rather tatty looking, stained piece of paper is arguably the most valuable object in the world. A rare Swedish stamp, nearly a century and a half old, it was sold for a record 29 million Swiss francs (£2.1m) at a public auction in Zurich

yesterday.
The Treskilling Yellow, which is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the most valuable object of any type by weight, volume and density, has belonged successively to many of the world's top-collectors since first going on the mar-ket in 1885. It was first sold to a Stockholm dealer for just 7 Swedish kroner (70p) that year by a schoolboy who discovered it among a pile of letters at his grant mother's house.

The sale eclipsed the record of SF\$19m (£890,000) for the same stamp in 1990 and was bought by an unidentified Stockholm-based dealer. It will be shown at a Thanksgiving weekend exhibition at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York later this month.

Auctioneer David Feldman who co-ordinated the sale said yesterday that the price went far beyond expectation and pre-dicted that it would give the world stamp-collecting market a major boost.

"It will give a lot of confidence to people who have bought rare stamps," he said. "It's a very special moment in the history of philately."

HOUSANDS,

GUIDE.

the mystery buyer who many believe is a Stockholm-based

Bogdan Stanculescu, a Romanian collector and stamp expert, estimated that only a handful of collectors would have the means to buy the Treskilling Yellow, adding that it was possible that the person who bought it wanted to keep it in Sweden.

Mr Feldman said he knew the identity of the collector but declined to identify him. "I have met him before, but I did not know he was going to bid,"

Hans Lemestal, the Stockholm dealer who bought the stamp for the private client, said he would have been prepared to pay even more for it. "I am very proud to have the honour to purchase the most valuable item in the world," he said. The Treskilling stamp is the

only yellow version of an 1855 three-shilling issue, which is Sweden's first postage stamp. Although in appearance it is in fact a dull, orangey hue, the others that have survived are green, and for many years yesterday's stamp was believed to be a fake. Scientific tests in the 1970s proved otherwise.

It has held the single stamp record in successive sales since 1984, and its latest owner, Sven-Olof Karlsson of Sweden, decided to sell rather than make final payments on the purchase he made six years ago.

Yesterday's sale took about four minutes, with some 16 Predictably, the battle was on bids coming in from more than in Zurich yesterday to identify half a dozen would-be buyers,



Stamp of distinction: Treskilling Yellow -- the most valuable item in the world by weight, volume and density

including one by telephone from Malaysia.

The stamp was discovered by Swedish schoolboy George Backman in 1885. During a Christmas visit to his grand-mother, 14-year-old George asked her to open a chest of drawers so that he could search for letters, hoping to find some old stamps to sell. He took the yellow stamp and some others to a dealer in Stockholm who agreed to buy it for Skr7.

Recalling the occasion in lat-er years, Mr Backman said: "I dared to ask him whether I was to receive seven crowns for the stamp, whereupon he answered

I shall pay that much all the same." Shortly after completing the transaction, Mr Backman discovered that the dealer had already been offered 300 crowns for the rarity, but had declined to part with it, saying: "It will someday reach a very high price.'

Stars of the stamp world

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The Mauritius "Bordeaux Cover" - a letter sent to wine merchants in 1847 with the 1 penny and 2 penny first issues of Mauritius - which was bought for £2.6m in less than a minute at an auction in

Zurich in 1993. A British Penny Black, sold on an addressed envelope, then burnt it - thereby doubling went for £1.3m because the the value of the surviving

letter had been sent four days before the stamp's official date of Issue, 6 May 1840. A one cent British Guyana

stamp dating from 1856. The owner of one of the only two known examples of the "British Guyana 1 cent" bought the other for about £30,000 and then burnt it - thereby doubling

significant shorts

to Kremlin hospital

Recovering from his quintuple bypass faster than expected, President Boris Yeltsin yesterday moved into a hospital where he has a suite of offices and asked for some classical music.

The Russian leader, 65, has been pushing doctors for days to move him to the Kremlin hospital, which has presidential offices and a

more homely atmosphere. Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said nn one could talk him out of it: "The president's health will improve very fast now." he predicted after Yeltsin left the Moscow Cardiological Centre, where he underwent surgery nn Tuesday.

AP - Moscow

US army officer on rape charge

The US army has brought charges of rape and sexual harassment against a captain and two drill sergeants at the Army Ordnance Center in Maryland.

The Pentagon said it had identified more than a dozen victims, all female recruits in their second eight weeks of military training.

"All of us are deeply troubled by the allegations of Hell's Angels said Gen. Dennis Reimer, Army chief of staff at a Pentagon news conference.

AP ~ Washington

Spain's jobless toll increases

Joblessness in Spain rose to 14.08 percent in October, from 13.82 percent in September, the Ministry of Labour said yesterday.

The number of Spaniards registered as out of work rose by 40,099 people, to a rounded 2.23 million at the end of October. AP- Madrid

Yeltsin moved Turkey orders smoking clampdown

Parliament in Turkey, a country of dedicated smokers, has adopted a law hanning smoking in most public places and the sale of cigarettes to children.

Public transport, sports centres and location. providing health, education and cultural services are to be smoke-free and anyone caught selling tobacco to under-18s will be fined 10m Turkish lira (£64). The law will also curb eigarette advertising and make health warnings on tohacco packs compulsory. 4P - 4nkara

Swiss soldiers reprimanded

Outraged farmers and railway officials yesterday demanded that the Swiss government rein in the army on after officers admitted soldiers had practised their skills subduing unruly farmers and striking rail workers. Last week, the army also admitted to staging a manoeuvre in which tanks warded off a hypothetical invasion from neighbouring Italy's secessionist Padania movement. Reuter - Berne

move on

The Hells Angels have abandoned their downtown Copenhagen headquarters. which was hit by a deadly anti-tank grenade last month. city officials said yesterday.

The bikers are at the centre of a low-level guerrilla war being waged among motorcycle gang members across Scandinavia and Finland. Last month, a grenade slammed into the Copenhagen headquarters, killing two people and injuring 19 others, during an annual beer bash. AP - Copenhagen

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Patrick Johnson

Patrick Johnson was someone who used to be described approvingly as an "all-rounder". He was a rowing Blue at Oxford, and began a distinguished scientific career there as a physicist. He was a Fellow and Tutor at Magdalen College for 20 years, interrupted by his wartime service in Operations, for which he was appointed OBE. He was also an experienced yachtsman, a trained pilot and a first-class shot.

His whole life might have been rather different. He went to Dartmouth in 1917 at the age of 13, but when the war was over and the Royal Navy heing cut back his father urged him to leave and go to Tonbridge School instead. From there, he went up to Oxford and read physics at Magdalen.

He had learned to row at Tonbridge, and rowed in the Magdalen First Eight for three years. In those days, Magdalen had been amongst the three top crews on the river for 50 years, a record unbeaten by any other college. Johnson stroked the 1926 crew when they regained second position, and was Captain in his final year. He was also in the university boat that year. but it was in the middle of a disastrous period in Oxford row-ing when Cambridge won every race except one for 18 years.

He spent a postgraduate year at the Sorbonne before return-ing to Oxford in 1928 where he was appointed a Fellow and Tu-



tor at Magdalen, and University Lecturer in Physics. At that time there was rivalry within the department headed by Professor John Townsend, between the theoretical physicists in the Clarendon Laboratory and the electricians in the Electrical Laboratory. A course of lectures on "High Vacuum Physics", advertised by the latter, is said to have been countered by another on *Higher Vacuum Physics' by the former. As an electrician, one of Johnson's interests at that time was the development

of electro-magnetism. He was a tutor for almost 20 years at Magdalen before and after the Second World War, well remembered, not only by his pupils hut by many undergraduates. He was the only Fellow of the college this ceo-tury to have been a rowing Blue and was an energetic and legendary supporter of the Boat Club. He coached many good Magdalen crews through the 1930s, and also coached the Ox-

ford crew in 1933.

The Magdalen SCR at that time had many formidable members. Johnson played golf with Harry Weldon, sailed with John Morris, and lived in the company of Fellow bachelors like C.S. Lewis and Bruce Mc-Farlane. His best-known pupil and closest friend was James Griffiths, lifelong Fellow and lat-er President of Magdalen; they were regulars at the Lamh and Flag together and at the back bar of the King's Arms.

Despite Dartmouth, and flying Bristol Fighters with the University Air Squadron, when the Second World War came Johnson was in the Army. He worked initially on radar oper-ations, and later served as Deputy Scientific Adviser to Field Marshal Montgomery in

21st Army Group. After the war, Johnson returned to Magdalen, and was Vice-President in 1946-47. To the surprise of many, he then accepted the appointment of Director of Studies at RAF

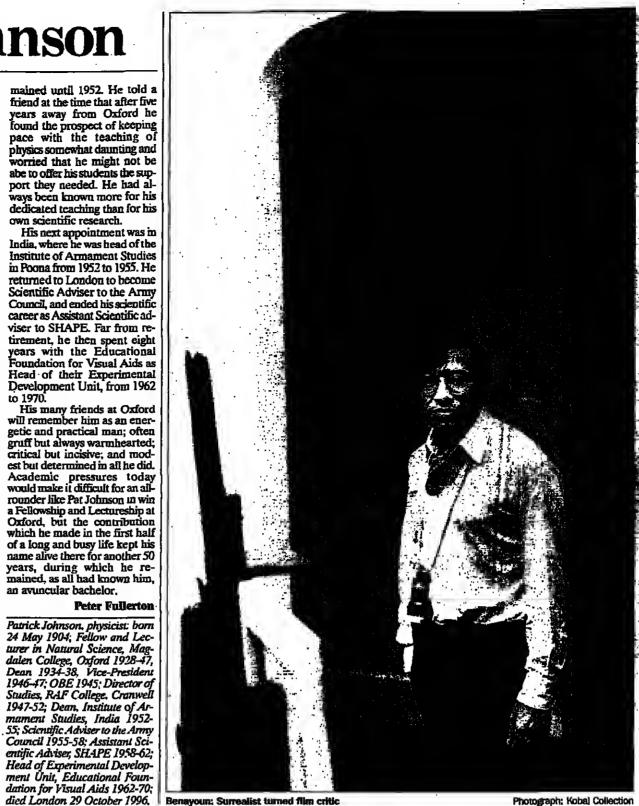
friend at the time that after five years away from Oxford he found the prospect of keeping pace with the teaching of physics somewhat daunting and worried that he might not be abe to offer his students the sup-port they needed. He had always been known more for his dedicated teaching than for his own scientific research.

His next appointment was in India, where he was head of the Institute of Armament Studies in Poona from 1952 to 1955. He returned to London to become Scientific Adviser to the Army Council, and ended his scientific career as Assistant Scientific adviser to SHAPE. Far from retirement, he then spent eight years with the Educational Foundation for Visual Aids as Head of their Experimental Development Unit, from 1962

His many friends at Oxford will remember him as an ener-getic and practical man; often gruff but always warmhearted; critical but incisive; and modest but determined in all he did. Academic pressures today would make it difficult for an allrounder like Pat Johnson ut win a Fellowship and Lectureship at Oxford, but the contribution which he made in the first half of a long and busy life kept his name alive there for another 50 years, during which he remained, as all had known him, an avuncular bachelor.

Peter Fullerton

Patrick Johnson, physicist: born 24 May 1904; Fellow and Lecturer in Natural Science, Mag-dalen College, Oxford 1928-47, Dean 1934-38, Vice-President 1946-47; OBE 1945; Director of Studies, RAF College, Cranwell 1947-52; Dean, Institute of Armament Studies, India 1952-55; Scientific Adviser to the Army Council 1955-58; Assistant Scientific Adviser, SHAPE 1958-62; Head of Experimental Development Unit, Educational Foundation for Visual Aids 1962-70;



Robert Benayoun

One of the membicable mysteries of French life is the exorbitant enthusiasm for the person and the movies of Jer-Lewis, Robert Benayoun, a highly respected literary and film critic, was one of his most ardent (yet clear-headed) admirers, and wrote an entertaining book about his hero, Bonjour Mr Lewis (revised and enlarged in 1989).

This work is a classic example of French intellectuality. when the critical faculty is expressed in the form of a declaration of love and an aesthetic manifesto. Jerry Lewis is the sort of comedian who makes sensitive souls shrink. He can ensure total embarrassment. and that is what fascinates Robert Benayoun. Lewis's infantile excesses and tasteless lewdnesses are a kind of hlundering frankness in which Benayoun sees a violent affirmation of the truth of life.

His book is a series of por-traits with lavish interviews that merge into an overwhelmingly grotesque megaiomaniac megastar clown always on the verge of tears, in the most ludicrous yet banal situations, with a kind of savage beauty and awesome courage in his wildest burlesque routines. Benayoun sees in this monster the archaic figure of a primitive jester, a Pan whose irreverence appeals to the infant buried deep inside us all, and that longs to erupt irrationally. as Jerry Lewis so often does, into our primly restrictive adult

But how did a young Moroccan come to gain such deep insights into the dubious appeal of Jerry Lewis? Perhaps ances-tral memories of holy fools and the liberating logic of figures like the Incredible Mulla Nasrudin, immortalised for us in the delightful books of Idris Shah, put Robert Benayoun on the right track, which led straight to post-war Surrealism. He was a disciple of André Breton, revered his writings and joined the Surrealist movement in Paris in 1948. He was also crazy about the movies, and determined to put his master's the-

ories into practice in the Sevenih Art. He began in 1950 by creating with a Greek fellow enthusiast, Ado (for Adonais) Kyrou, a small review, L'Age du cinema, which was short-lived. Then he joined the staff of a more substantial organ. Positif, that was to rival Les Cahiers du Cinéma as France's (and Europe's) finest movie magazine. It was launched in 1952, and Benayoun contributed notable reviews and essays.

From 1972 to 1983 he was 84 always-readable film critic for Le Point, defender of the in-sependent director, the most unpopular "literary" themes and experimental Surrealist treatments. He was a keen critic of the nouvelle vague and at the time was unusual in his championing of American comedians like Buster Keaton, Woody Allen and the Marx Brothers, those darlings of our British in-tellectuals. He also wrote on the work of Alain Resnais and John Huston, and composed a memorable tribute to Breton in L'Erotisme du Surréalisme (1965). Other well-received works were L'Anthologie du non-sense (1959). Le Dessin animé de Walt Disney (1961), Les Frères Maix (1980), Le Regard de Buster Keason (1982) and Woody Allen au-delà du langage ("Woody Allen Beyond All Words", 1985).

His early cinematic efforts were only two: Paris n'existe pas (1969) and Sérieux comme le plaisir (1975), scripted with Jean-Claude Carrière and with music by Serge Gainsbourg (who plays a small part). Just be-fore his death, he had been working intermittently not a new book about Steven Spiciberg, which his long illness did not allow him to complete. He lies now in Montparnasse cemetery, along with so many other writers, artists and people from the entertainment world, and near Henri Langlois, founder of the Paris Cinémathèque.

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Robert Benavoun, critic and film director: born Port-Lyautey, Morocco 1926; died Paris 20

formed his own band, the Tex-

David Sisman

Before the microchip changed all our lives, revolutionising the way we seek and receive information, there was another, quieter, revolution - in the

world of reference books. David Sisman was one of the small group of pioneers who, in the 1950s and early 1960s. changed the look of an entire genre - atlases, gardening books, DIY books, cookbooks, nature books, guidebooks. Where previously there had been solid text, peppered with hlack-and-white line drawings and perhaps a few colour plates man to deliver material on time tipped in, reference books suddenly came alive. Full colour photographs and diagrams conveyed to millions of readers what they needed to know on any subject from plate tectonics to pruning an apple tree.

Sisman had an exceptional eye for design, a rare talent for friendship, a deep interest in other people and a healthy lack of concern for money - either for making it or for holding on to it.

After wartime and post-war service in the Royal Navy and a brief spell in advertising he joined the London office of Reader's Digest in 1953 and was charge of art and design. To reached the 16th floor, Sisman

David Sisman and his wife Marjorie, coming from a country still in the grip of austerity, Italy was a revelation - a land of synshine, and no rationing. Equally, David was a revelation to the Italians. They had been expecting a stiff, reserved English naval officer. What they got was an artist and designer who could turn any deadline into a drama, and could match the best of them, histrionics for histrionics. The promotion copywriter in Milan found that the best way to get David Siswas to burst into tears. Then there would be apologies, flowers, chocolates - and a winning batch of designs. The Italians were so impressed that they gave Sisman a nickname: "the prima donna".

After four years in Italy, Sisman swapped jobs with his London counterpart and became art director for Reader's Digest in Britain. This meant visits to the parent company in the United States. On one such trip. he stepped into an elevator in New York to find the only other occupant was a smartly dressed woman who seemed to promptly seconded to their have something to do with fledgling Italian office, to take Reader's Digest. By the time they had so captivated her that she invited him to dinner. She was Lila Acheson Wallace, coowner and co-founder, with her husband DeWitt Wallace, of Reader's Digest. David Sisman was to become their favourite Englishman, and to spend many happy years at the Digest, spotting and encouraging young

In his youth he had run away to join the Merchant Navy, volunteering for the Royal Navy in 1942. Twice he was aboard ships that were sunk by enemy action. On the second occasion, when HMS Egret was bombed off Cape Finisterre in August 1943. only 27 survived out of a crew



of 231. Some of the younger sailors, thrown into a heaving sea, were beginning to despair and to give up the fight. But Sisman, despite his hands being badly burnt, swam from man to man, keeping their spirits up and giving more than one young sailor the will to hang on until help arrived. Later, he volunteered for submarines and became a navigation officer on pairol in the Atlantic. He finished the war with a DSC, but always insisted that "everybody

who was in the war got a medal

A love of the sea stayed with

Sisman all his life. He was a keen member of the British Sub Aqua Clnb, editing and illus-trating their official Diver's Manual. He was the editor of The Professional Diver's Handbook (1982) and co-wrote, with Peter Dick, Underwater Diving (1985). He explored many wrecks off the coast of Wales and the South-West, where his training in navigation made him a valued member of any diving team. He could read tide tables, and predict a squall just by looking up at the sky. "I really must give up diving," he would say, turned 70 and the survivor of two strokes. But everybody knew he didn't mean it. He continued helping the

BSAC with training courses and lectures that combined hard practical information with wit and brilliant Mastrations.

Right night the time of his fi-nal, catastrophic stroke in 1990. Sisman stayed young by litting life to the full. Calligraphy, class-es in life drawing, slate engrav-ing, flying – all of these he took up and mastered. Yet he still found time to set female hearts a-flutter, working for the char-ity Contact and looking after what he called "my old ladies".

After his last stroke. David Sisman was taken into the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen at Richmond, Surrey. He was divorced in 1967, but he remained a good friend of his former wife, to the extent of going on holiday with Marjorie and her new husband. He leaves a son, the writer Adam Sisman, a daughter, the designer Lucy Sisman, and the partner and companion of his later years, Annie O'Dell.

David Sisman, designer: born Hendon 4 February 1920; mar ried 1948 Marjorie Parker (one son, one daughter; marriage dis-solved 1967); died Richmond, Surrey 24 October 1996. ..

Ted Daffan

In 1970, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the evolution of the country song, Theron Eugene "Ted" Daffan was elected a charter member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Several of his songs became milestones; "Truck Drivers Blues", which was a hit for Chiff Bruner and his Texas Wanderers in 1939, is usually cited as the first trucking song, whilst "Worried Mind", co-written with the future Governor of Louisiana Johnne Davis, was an important record in the career of the singing cowboy, Roy Rogers.

Perhaps his most enduring number, however, has been Born To Lose". A hleak study of the country boy coming to terms with life in the city, Daffan hit upon its title during a game of poker with his accordion player and published it using the pseudonym Frankie Brown. His own version, produced by Columbia's Britishborn A&R man "Uncle" Art Satherley and featuring a smooth steel guitar from Daffan and the baritone of Leon Scago, was a Stateside hit in 1944. It has since been covered numerous times, notably by Ray Charles on his landmark the Bar-X Cowboys and then



album Modern Sounds In Country & Western (1962). Although born in Louisiana. Ted Daffan was raised in Houston. As a youngster, he took up the steel guitar and played in a Hawaiian band named the Blue Islanders whilst pursuing a day joh in electronics.

By 1934, he was performing with Leon "Pappy" Selph's Blue Ridge Playboys, a hand whose personnel also at various times included Floyd Tilman, Aubrey "Moon" Mullican, Bob Dunn and Cliff Bruner, later acknowledged as the principal architects of honky tonk. A year later, Daffan joined

In addition to versions of "Born To Lose" and "Worried Mind" he also scored with "No Letter Today? (1944) and "Headin' Down the Wrong Highway Relocating to California, Daffan and the Texans became

mainstays at the Venice Pier ballroom before returning to Texas in 1946 and continuing o record for Columbia until 1951. Although he continued

perform, Daffan concentrated increasingly on his songwriting: furnishing both Faron Young "I've Got Five Dollars and It's Saturday Night") and Hank Snow ("Tangled Mind") with sizeable hits in 1956 and 1957 respectively.

In the years leading up to his retirement, Daffan became heavily involved in the publishing company he ran in partnership with Snow, and with his own record label.

Theron Eugene Daffan (Ted Daffan), musician and songwriter: born Beauregarde, Louisiana 21 September 1912; married; died Houston, Texas 6

Births. Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

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Changing of the Guard

Birthdays

TODAY: The Right Rev James Adams, former Bishop Sulfragan of Barking, 81; Mr Kenneth Ashron, trade union leader, 71; Mr Victor Blank, chairman, Charterhouse ple, 54; Lord Brabourne, television and film producer, 72; Mr David Constant, cricket umpire, 55; Mr Bryan Davies MP, 57, Miss Karen Dotrice, actress, 41; Mr George Duncan, chairman, ASW Holdings, 63; Sir Robin Gillett, underwriter and former Lord Mayor of London, 7t; Mr Ronald Harwood, novelist and playwright, 62; Miss Katharine Hep-burn, actress, 87; Mr Henry Hogger, High Commissioner to Namibia, 48; High Commissioner to Namibia, 48; Mr Anthony Holland, solicitor and former President, the Law Society, 58; Mr Alistair Horne, military his-torian, 71; Miss Hedy Lamarr, actress, 83; Mr Hugh Leonard, playwright, 70; Mr Roger McGough, poet, 59; Air Vice-Marshal Kenneth Nairn, RCAF, chartered accountant, 98; Dame Kathleen Raven, former chief muring officer, DHSS. 80; Miss Stella Richman, television producer, 74; Mr Tony Slattery, ac-tor and writer, 37; Mr Donald Trelford, former Editor of the

Observer, 59: Viscount Weiz, chair, man, the Weir Group, 63; Mr Ton. Weiskopf, golfer, 54; Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, chairman, Next, 61. TOMORROW: Sir Peter Baldwin, former chairman, SE Thames Regional Health Authority, 74; Mr Robert Carrier, broadcaster and cookery writer, 73; Dame Frances Coulshed, former Director, WRAC. 2: Mr Frank Durr, racehorse trainer, 70; Mr Nigel Evans MP, 39; Mr Roger Farrance, former chairman. Electricity Association Services, 63: Miss Douya Fiorentino, fashion model, 29; Mr Don Henderson, actor, 64: Sir Giles Loder, a vice-president of the Royal Horticultural Society, 82; The Right Rev

of Bucchin and Primus of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, 72; Mr Raymond Plummer, former president and honorary director, Design and Industries Association, 80; Sir Tim Rice, lyricist, 52; Professor Elizabeth on. geneticist, 68: Viscoun Runciman of Doxford, author, and chairman, Runciman Investments, 62; Sir William Ryrie, former executive vice-president and chief executive, International Finance Corporation at World Bank, 68; Mr Roy Scheider, actor, 61; Sir David Serpell, former senior civil servant, 85; Admiral of the Fleet Sir William Staveley, chair-man, North Thames Regional Health Auathority, 68; Mrs Elizabeth Toul-son, chairman, WRVS, 48.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Ivan Sergeyevich Targenev, playwright, 1818; Edward VII, King, 1841; Dr Herbert Thomas Kalmus, inventor of Technicolor, 1881; Jean-Omer Marie-Gabriet Monnet, political economist, 1888. Deaths: William Camden, antiquarian and historian, 1623; Guillaume Apollinaire (Wilhelm Apollinari Kostrowitsky), poet, 1918; James Ramsay MacDonald, statesman, 1937; Arthur Neville Chamberlain, statesman, 1940; Chaim Weizmann first president of Israel, 1952, Dylan Mariais Thomas, poet, 1953; General Charles de Gaulle, statesman, 1970. On this day: the New York Sympton Orchestra gave its first concert, 1858; flogging in the British Army was abolished, 1859; the first woman mayor, Mrs Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, was mis Edzadein Garrett Anderson, was elected at Aldeburgh, 1908; the Japanese took Shanghai, 1937; the death penalty for murder was abol-ished in Britain, 1965; Edward Brooke, of Massachuseus, was elected as the first black member of the US Senate. 1966. Today is the Feast Day of St Benignus or Benen, St Theodore the Recruit and St Vitonus Vanne; and Lord Mayor's Day.

TOMORROW: Births: Martin Luther, Protestant reformer, 1483; Paracelsus (Philippus Aureotus Theophrastus Bombast von Hohen-heim), physician, 1493; William Hog-arth, painter and engraver, 1697; Oliver Goldsmith, playwright, 1728; Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller, poet and playwright, 1759. Schiller, poet and playwright, 1759; Claude Rains, actor, 1889; Richard Burton (Richard Walter Jenkins), actor, 1925. Deaths: Jean-Nicolas Arthur Rimbaud, poet, 1891; Mustapha Kemal Atanink, statesman, 1938; Leonid Hyich Brezintev, Soviet political leader, 1982. On this day: Christopher Columbus discovered Antigua on his second voyage, 1493; the Huguenots were defeated at the Battle of St Denis, 1567: Alois Senefelder patented the lithographic printing process, 1798; Sir Henry Morton Sunley met Livingstone at Ujiji, Tanganyika, 1871; an anmali service began between London and Paris, 1919. Tomorrow is Remembrance Sunday and the Feast Day of St Aedh MacBrice, St Andrew Avellino, St Justus of Canterbury. St Leo the Great and St Theoctista.

Lectures TODAY

National Gallery: Tom Parsons, "Remembering (ii): Catena, Saint lerome in his Study", 12mm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Emma

Taylor, "Victorian Dress 1837-70", Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "At Home and Abroad: Reynolds and Wright of Derby", 1pm. British Museum: Rowena Loven

Byzantine Mosaics of Jordan National Portrait Gallery: Rachel Barnes, "The English Post-Impres-sionists", 3pm.

TOMORROW Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "Artists on Tour", 2.30pm.

A problem of idle and scandalous priests

Two stories this week focus on the discipline of priests and make clear what a huge gap exists between the Church of England and everyone else on the matter, even though the gap is being closed rapidly. The first is the clampdown in the Roman Catholic diocese of Bristol on the neocatechumenate movement. The move-

ment is accused of all the things that new eligious movements are generally accused of, sometimes with justice: it is said to be parasitic and destructive; to remove its members from the the rest of the Church and to rely on esoteric doctrines. Perhaps most serious is the unspoken accusation that members of the movement owe their allegiance to the movement itself and not to the wider Church as represented by their bishop. This is never quite made explicit in the report of the Clifton diocese's commission of enquiry, because under the Roman Catholic system it is not quite sayable that things should be otherwise. On the other hand, the commission recommends that the hishop consider whether to redeploy the priests concerned, and, if he decides to do so, there is nothing

whatever they can do to stop him. Compare and contrast this with the Anghean situation. If the priests involved had had their freehold in the Church of England, nothing whatever could be done to get rid of them. If they had merely been priests in charge, employed on contract. all that could practicably be done would be to wait for the end of their contracts. though this would not take more than a couple of years.

The reforms in clergy courts proposed last week are meant to remedy this dis-tressing state of Anglican indiscipline. They do this in two ways: by weakening the proddental to Establishment, that anyone who parties agree.

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The Church of England could take lessons from the Roman Catholic Church on disciplining

its clergy, writes Andrew Brown. But it must beware of operating behind closed doors.

tection afforded by the freehold to idle or scandalous priests and by strengthening the protection available to priests in charge.

The protection which clergy freehold provides to its owners is at the moment

implicit more than explicit. It is not what the law demands of them that is inadequate, but the difficulty of applying these demands. They are protected by the expense and embarrassment of removing a clergyman who does not want to go. There are three cases used to demonstrate this fact: more telling than the details is the fact that these three cases are the only ones which have ever been brought under the 1963 legislation. There is no case in which it has ever worked as intended.

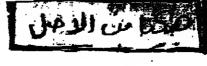
The reforms are supposed to replace the present machinery with something quicker, cheaper, and apparently fairer. It does look as if the proposed machinery will do all these things. There is also a new graded scale of punishments, ranging from complete defrocking to solemn warnings. These have the advantage, inignores them will find himself automati-cally in contempt of court, which can be a fierce sanction.

To go with the punishments, there are new offences, such as "gross inefficiency." This can seem very sinister. In fact it was have been useful in the past. One rural priest told me once that his predecessor held the freehold from 1952 to 1987: "In that time he did nothing. He left the church, the hall and even the vicarage derelict when he retired. One service a week with attendance in single figures. Heleft half a million and his will was published the week we launched an appeal to repair some of the long legacy of neglect."

Yet there is one point in the new system which seems to me scandalous. This is the provision that trials should normally be held in private. This is the legacy of Lincoin Cathedral. The trial and acquittal of the dean on charges of adultery last year was a tremendous story that made the Church of England look utterly ridiculous. Yet such cases must continue to arise. What made Lincoln a difficult case was that the charges came down to a question of trust; she said he did; he said he didn's. There were no witnesses. This difficulty

The Church cannot take the view that the priest in such circumstances must ways be believed. So, if the allegations cannot be disproved, they must lead to a trial To hold these trials behind closed doors may spare the Church embarrassment; the price, however, is loss of credibility and I don't think that's worth paying. However squalid and undignified the Lincoln trial was, it should only be possible in future to try such cases in private if both





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From Bleak House to Cromwell Street

re the children of Gloucestershire cursed? There were times during the West trial when such extreme language seemed apt. The county social services department commissioned a study of the number and whereabouts of children in its care. Why? Because runaways from children's homes had provided 25 Cromwell Street with all too many of its young visitors. An early draft of the report was leaked yesterday, disclosing a dark and extraordinary well of official ignorance into which a number of children seemed to have fallen. Some children in the authority's care bave just gone missing and it is unclear at this stage whether the council kept the police fully informed. Worse, portions of the authority's own care records seem to have gone AWOL

Of course, Gloucestershire may be a freak. Errors may bave crept into the assessment. It could yet be that the entire phenomenon is a product of missing information rather than missing children. As social services directors were naturally keen to point out, it is too early to try to extrapolate the Gloucestershire findings to other social services departments. It must remain speculation whether significant numbers of children are missing - all the more reason why a better national database for the missing and fuller co-operation between the social agencies and police are urgently needed.

much easier to qualify or hold at a distance if we could be more confident of social services management. The Audit Commission has recently started to team up with the Department of Health's own social services inspectors; their co-operation gives some hope of better future management. Yet this latest report comes hard on the heels of the Neave case and its disclosure of how a child - a child well known to Cambridgeshire social workers and care assistants, a child logged many times by the system - could still "disappear". Before that was the Clwyd case, in which we are proud to have played some role in disclosure. There, children disappeared into an archipelago of council-run bomes where abuse went unchecked. The circumstances of each of these cases were different, but they had a common thread in the failures of social services' information about vulnerable people.

We should not panic. "Community care" is the fashion of the day, but real communities are all too ready to slough off their share of the social burden to officialdom - to local authorities and volunteers, paying not the slightest attention to their training, pay, mission or management. Social workers are regularly vilified yet are still expected to behave with professional dedication.

These cases raise questions not about struggling professionals but about the basics of child Yet the Gloucestershire report would be so care. Not for the first time since the Seebohm



reforms of the early Seventies, it needs to be asked whether social services are working effectively when, bureaucratically speaking, children keep getting lost. We count ourselves friends of the principle of local self-government, but are counties and districts really the best machines to deliver care and protection to vulnerable children? Local government is about diversity yet each child has an equal entitlement to care and support.

But contemplating the possible fate of some of these missing Gloucestershire children, dismay grows and with it a churning resentment at some of the hypocrisies of our age. Politicians and some newspapers are mounting the beginnings of an American-style cam-paign against abortion and defending the rights of the unborn. At the same time, they are yelling against "bureaucrats", care workers and child tearaways. What of the rights of the born, of discarded children who are beaten or neglected, or indeed demonised, by those same comfortable moralisers? The unruly pupils of Manton and The Ridings are individually pilloried - no trial, no due process, no rights. Adult disapproval presses down on them. And, beyond the reach of journalism or cameras, other forgotten children merely "go missing".

Much fine rhetoric has been spent recently on defence of family values. Fine - we agree. But too often it has been a one-sided whitewash that ignores the cruelty, neglect and sheer incompetence of many parents and the resulting hell that "family life" then becomes, The agencies created to pick up the pieces of family dysfunction are then condemned as if they were responsible. Genuine efforts to measure and chart physical and mental abuse of children are laughed at as exaggerations, Newspaper columnists paint idyllic pictures of families, innocent of fact and figure. Too much commentary refuses to confront the daily dilemma of those we ask to provide social services - as if families operated according to some computer program which rings a bell when an error of uphringing is committed.

Social services directors have a right to demand fair criticism, untainted by passing media hysteria. But they have obligations, too - like keeping immaculate records of referrais and cases (did Gloucestershire never hear of information technology?), and like ensuring that they liaise, regularly and intimately, with police over those children who have, for one reason or another, escaped the net of care they are supposed to provide. There has been too much generalised outrage at acts of crime and too little eareful thought about the cost of providing better care and closer knowledge of those lost children, pushed from homes and passed casually into the wardship of disregarded officialdom. There are parts of our country that Charles Dickens would recognise.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Reach out into an alienated society and find those missing voters

Sir. Further to Ian Burrell's valuable report "Britain's missing 2 million voters" (7 November) may I add that one reason why we have so many people missing is that our creaking system of electoral registration is half a century out of date? It has failed to keep up with increasing social mobility as people move around the country with their jobs or by getting on their bikes to look for jobs. We have become an increasingly rootless society with large pockets of unemployment, deprivation and alienation. We need a

expensive. First, we need a system of rolling registration. This is favoured by many electoral registration officers. With suitable safeguards, it allows people to register to vote where they live and when they live there. It is claimed that it might cost £4m to

The Government spends very little on advertising to boost electoral registration. In the current year, they are only spending £685,000. Yet they are happy to spend many more

recognise that electoral registration officers have become an

underfunded Cinderella service. They are absolutely professional and are doing their very best but within

people should be allowed to register where they reside, even if this is not the bricks and mortar most of us have. Access to voting and polling stations for disabled people should be increased. At the last election nearly 90 per cent of polling stations were inaccessible to disabled people. franchise, governments of all bues have been forced to recognise the necessity of protecting and expanding the right to vote. In recent years, we have slipped. It is a disgrace which any decent government would remedy as an immediate priority. HARRY BARNES MP (Derbyshire North East, Lab) House of Commons

young people to register to vote". Moments later I walked into my office to find 4,000 of our voter

registration cards arriving through the post. A good day, maybe, but not untypical of the response we have been getting to the cards we are distributing. Our campaign at the moment is low-key and aimed at getting young people to register. This we are doing in thousands. The Ministry of Sound's campaign is not about registration, it is about encouraging people to use their vote. This we will be doing much closer to the election campaign itself, when we believe it will be more effective. CHARLES STEWART-SMITH Executive Director, Rock the Vote

Half Caesareans are unnecessary

London EC4

Morriss-Kay (letters, 7 November) who lost her first child at birth, but I suspect that this tragic stillbirth has coloured her reaction to Sheila Kitzinger's article on how to avoid a Caesarean section (CS) (Magazine, 2 November). This was hardly a polemic but an excellent summary of the steps, backed by good research evidence, that women can take to

avoid an unnecessary operation. The rate of CS was estimated by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaccologists to be 15 per cent in England in 1993, whilst in Scodand and Wales the rates are higher.

In 1978, when the US rate of CS rose to 15 per cent it was recognised that a public health problem existed and a task force was set up to examine this. It took another 15 years before the rate stopped rising, peaking at 24.8 per cent, and in 1994 it had fallen to 23.6 per cent. The rate has risen more slowly in the UK but is over 15 per cent now. I estimate that half those operations are unnecessary and many could be avoided by following the excellent advice given by Sheila Kitzinger. WENDY SAVAGE FRCOG London N1

Windfall squalls

Sir: Your reports on Labour and the windfall tax become more and more bizarre. You report (7 November) that "the Clinton administration has approached Tony Blair's office to express concern about a windfall tax being imposed on US utilities that have acquired British regional electricity companies in the last 18 months". This is untrue. You also report that "President Clinton is thought to have raised the matter with Mr Blair when the Labour leader visited Washington earlier this

year". This is untrue as well. In addition, whatever wishful thinking you or Powergen want to indulge in, my letter in Tuesday's Independent changes Labour's position not one jot. ALASTAIR CAMPBELL Press Secretary to Tony Blair House of Commons London SWI

Doesn't arise

Sir: The essential ingredient missing from your report on guilt, pleasure and health (7 November) is an indication of who really paid for the research. Associates for Research into the Science of Enjoyment (Arise) are funded by booze, cigarette and chocolate manufacturers. I am sure that the scientific integrity of their study was in no way compromised by this connection, but I do notice that your report is rounded off with a claim from Arise's spokesperson on the stress-reducing properties of booze, cigarettes and chocolate. ROBERT EAGLE

LETTER from THE EDITOR

here has prohably been decadence of journalism or no piece carried in The of politics? Independent under my After all, it is the politicians editorship which will arouse and their advisers who pore as much anger as Richard D North's critical article over focus group findings, importing the fuscinations of yesterday on Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Nigerian dissident American image-shapers, who discuss voice-training, the who was hanged a year ago. details of tie-knots and hair-As I write, the phone calls and styles, trying to produce faces and bodies, as well as policies, faxes have not started, but that will attract particular they will come.

Members of staff are upset about it, too. Not unnaturally:

in the eyes of liberals, Saro-

Wiwa is, along with Mandela

and a few others, the nearest

we have to a modern secular

pioned by Greenpeace - and

we have favourably reported

much that Greenpeace do. He

was clearly a hrave man who

died for his beliefs - and that

He is, in so many ways, our

kind of hero. To all this, I have

only one answer - if The Inde-

pendent ceases to be a place

where serious, counter-intu-

itive and critical journalism

can be heard, then as a news-

paper, it becomes a pointless

So how did that other thing

happen? How did it come

about, I mean, that we spent

such a chunk of the week talk-

ing about Tony Blair's hair? It

got so bad, von may recall, that he had to issue a joke

was going bald to try to

stifle arguments about

hairstyle 10 woo female voters.

That press release hore the

fingerprints of Alastair Camp-

bell, Blair's press officer, who

was by turns ourraged and

helpless with laughter as the hair story took off. This week's

story is, I suppose, the Labour

equivalent of the story a few

years ago about John Major

tucking his shirt into his underpants - I can't remem-

It must, I suppose, be a

sign of decadence that news-

paper space, including in The Independent, is devoted to a

the latter days of Imperial

Roman decline. But is it the

ber where that came from.

on Shell - and

nt. He too

compels respect.

waste of trees.

Hurtful stuff.

groups of target voters. In short, they started this, not us. I don't think Tony Blair is smarmy or insincere at all; but the more outside image-makers tell him and rie hom to look, the more the electorate

this paper has been critical of multinationals. He was cham-'You never hear unnecessary public debate about Peter Mandelson's wig or John Prescott's nipple-ring, and

- who are, as Nigel Moles-worth would have put it, no fule - will focus on outward tricks and the less on inner meaning. This comes, after all, in the week when Labour people have been hugging themselves with delight at the press release claiming that he prospect of George Stephanopoulos arriving in town whether he had changed his a lesson for somehody."

quite right, too'

At any rate, enough of this trivia. Not everything personal in a politician's life needs to be paraded in public. You never hear unnecessary public dehate about Peter Mandelson's wig or John Prescott's nipple-ring, and quite right, 100.

In the end, whatever female voters think, the hair husiness has probably won Blair a whole new tranche of support from trainee slapheads everywhere. Like Blair, I am only slightly thinning and couldn't care less. The hour or so spent upside down each day, vigorously rubbing Marmite and kerosene into my scalp is purely recreational.

Andrew Marr

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system that actively encourages people

to register for the vote. Solutions are not complex or

Ruinous addiction

to hi-tech arms

Europe's squaddies" 6 November) is

spree". And further ahead there is no

It will go on after the multi-billion

Eurofighter and the Tomahawk

ssiles (which weren't so good in

September against Iraq), and all the

grows ever more vulnerable to the

electronic warfare gear that we and

developing against it. Here are today's

against other firms' weaponry.

There is the expansion of Nato that

the Government supports, even the immediate cost of which neither HMG

pay perhaps 80 per cent. This would be

Then there is the whole Ballistic

Missile Defence boondoggle, which

others are so enthusiastically

arms races: one firm's weaponry

nor Nato have yet estimated. The

m the hundreds of hillions range

term cost of reacting to Russia's

reaction is ignored.

Americans expect the Europeans to

right: we are indeed military "hardware addicts on a wild spending

end to the spree.

introduce. But what price democracy?

millions promoting privatisation.

Likewise the Government should

Many thousands of homeless

From the Great Reform Act of

1832 to various acts of emancipation in 1867, 1884, 1918, 1928, 1948 and 1969, which gradually expanded the

London SWI

Sir: I read your report suggesting that Rock the Vote had "struggled to get



Sir: In this season of returning things to Scotland, it might also be appropriate to dispatch there the statue In Whitehall of Field Marshal Haig. No Scotsman can have slaughtered more Englishmen. WILLIAM TERRELL, London SW1 Photograph: Barney Hindle

proliferation". The United States according to US estimates. The longer military seems to be hoping for a kind of global hegemony, and the last Congress was giving them more money than they asked for while continuing to default on UN and

HMG is sitting on three confidential reports about. Although useless -It looks as if Mr Clarke has given unmarked vans are far better several hlank cheques to Mr Portillo, launchers than ballistic missiles for weapons of mass destruction - this would cost more tens of billions - and after the election. WAYLAND KENNET put us under automated, computerdriven (therefore vulnerable), space-(Lord Kennet) ELIZABETH YOUNG based, US command, to engage in House of Lords what is called "pre-emptive counter-

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to be presented to the taxpayer only

Sir: It would be wonderful to think that we could solve this country's social problems by robbing Peter to pay Paul and raiding the defence budget to throw money at social programmes, as Polly Toynbee suggests.

However, a national defence capability that has taken years to develop and would take decades to regenerate must not be thrown away because no party has the courage to raise taxes to pay for the social upkeep of the nation. There seems to be an

assumption that there will never be another war and all purchases of military equipment not designed for peacekeeping are unnecessary.

But what did we see, scant months after the end of the Cold War? A conflict involving the large-scale use of fighter iets. main battle tanks and battle helicopters, the three types of equipment the article ridicules the Government for buying. CONOR O'NEILL London SW74

Sir: If indeed woodland is owned by the Forestry Commission, limited public access to land held in the public's name seems reasonable (letter, 4 November). However, many woodlands are not so owned: they are held on long leases from the real owners often on tiny rents (eg 10p per acre per year).

Often outsiders have been given no reference to the actual owners, and members of the public have brought their dogs, radios, horses to what might have been otherwise privately cultivated.

commercial afforestation are severe; the acidification of soils and springs affects flora and fauna. Most of us want to return this land to its natural state of mixed deciduous woods with generations to come.

The "right to roam" is a very questionable notion proffered by those who refuse to recognise some basic facts - that land is not primarily for the occasional recreation of casual users who have no responsibility for its care and upkeep. LGREGORY Norwich

heathland stretches, to conserve it for

London W4

Lib Dems fight Murdoch hegemony

Sint Polly Toynbee (article, 4 November) and Angela Eagle (letter, 6 November) bave drawn attention to the importance of a single digital settop box. At the Commons committee stage of the recent Broadcasting Bill, Robert Maclennan and Roger Gale tabled an amendment intended to ensure that all digital set-top boxes would be compatible. The Minister promised to return at the report stage with proposals to bring about a common set-top box.

At the report stage the Government, Labour and the Liberal Democrats all tabled amendments to allow the public to purchase a single set-top box. The Liberal Democrat amendment differed in that it avoided the potential pitfall that market dominance might be achieved before a common standard was agreed. BSkyB now looks set to attain that dommance.

. It is hard to avoid the suspicion that fear of the Murdoch media em lies at the heart of both the Grantment's and Labour's reluctance to take a strong stand on this issue. The Liberal Democrats will continue to press for a common Set-top box. Lord McNALLY Lord THOMSON OF MONIFIETH

Liberal Democrat Broadcasting

How long before a plane crashes on London? | Thoughtless invasion

Sir. I must thank Christian Wolmar "How safe is your plane?", 4 November). The world's civil aviation industry must wonder at their luck in that no flight on take-off or landing has crashed disastrously on to a built-

Flight 800 and the Peruvian plane landed in the sea, the 1972 Staines crash was in open land and reservoirs and an American jet not long ago took office-bound and landed in a

One day a large aircraft will break up in mid-air and land on a conurbation, or will crash land on to t, and the chances are that it will be London, given the absurd location of Heathrow. Our prevailing winds are from the south-west, which means that the landing approach is over the London conurbation, often over the city itself. (I have been on a KLM flight when the pilot deliberately banked over Westminster to afford a night time aerial view for those of us on the

starboard side). When not from that direction, our winds come mostly from the east hence the layout of Heathrow's two main runways. On easterlies, as when the wind is light, the 747s lumber up into the air over my house or over Brentford, I oftan speculate on the

point at which the results of a catastrophic break-up would be carried by their own momentum beyond my house.

It will only stop once the worst has happened. Terminal 5 will, of course, bring that day nearer. CHSTANDFIELD London W7

Sir: Last week a parliamentary Select Committee examined air traffic control and received yet further evidence about the risks of routing aircraft over London and other The committee received a copy of

the initial report of the US White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security which demonstrated that TWA800 had awoken the USA to the subject. The dreadful reality is that nobody is taking personal or corporate responsibility for the public safety consequences of mcreasing air traffic over London. It is simply not in anyone's interest to do so because the risks and liabilities are too great. The UK urgently needs a Commission on Aviation Safety and Security 100. GORDON GLASS Director 2020 Vision Ltd

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shooting rights over these woods with motorbikes, guns, poachers, litter and The long-term side-effects of

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leader's scalp; it's the sort of thing you could imagine being discussed round the Forum in

It's pointless talking to drunks because you're not talking to a human being, you're talking to a bloody bottle - Sir James (Jimmy) Savile Even at my dizzy height of popularity, I knew that the clock would strike 12 and I'd be seen for what I was: unworthy, unattractive, unaccomplished - The Duchess of York in 'Hello!' magazine

QUOTE UNQUOTE

It's the spiral of life. You do have to know a bit about science. Life is a spiral - like the hair on a baby's head or in the galaxies - Vanessa Redgrave, actress, describing one of her doodles which was up for auction at Sotheby's

Got to be off. Pity we have got no time for rumpy-pumpy - Lord Healey. Labour peer, ending an interview he gave to a woman reporter. My problem is not changing my hair. It's keeping it - Tony Blair He smiles too much, he talks too much, his eyes are glassy, his dentistry is chaotic - Germaine Greer on Tony Blair I failed the driving test the first time. I wore a shorter skirt the

second time - Rory Bremner I've known Nick for years. But when I am in Waitrose, I cannot hold my head up as a Chelsea Conservative. I fear he has to go – female member of the Kensington and Chelsea Conservative Association, which has refused to endorse its MP, Sir Nicholas Scott I hope it will be out in time for the abolition - John Wells, who is writing a book on the history of the House of Lords

Between faith and fanaticism



Beheadings, amputations, women as subservient citizens ... these are the manifestations of Islam today. But, asks Robert Fisk, who are we in the irreligious west to judge?

BBC were worried about the title of our programme. "They think it might upset Muslims," he said. My title reflected a certain amount of irritation. I had spent so many weeks over the past few years cataloguing scores of "Islamic" punishments in the Arab Gulf, of head choppings and amputations and lashings of young women as well as men - that I bad wanted to call the programme "God the Most Merciful?" It was the question mark that bothered the BBC, of course. Buckley - a man of infinite politeness and Job-like patience - had told the Radio Times that he would have a new title by the time our train arrived for our appointment with Tareef Khalidi; the magazine's deadline

I told Buckley we should ask Khalidi if he thought my title so insulting. And when we arrived at his home, opposite King's College Chapel, Khalidi, a good-natured bear of a man whose historical scholarship is can I do that, Roberto?" he asked, arms raised above his what we called our programme.

project. I dislike theological vous modern governments

debate and, after more than 20 years in the Middle East, nursed have read the Koran but have never been able to shake off the suspicion that Islam allows - if not insists - on a second-class role for women, that its God permits the harshest of punishments, that the Islamic world never experienced a humanist and had thus fallen "behind" the modern liberal world that we like to think of as "the West".

Having watched the West's iniquities - and its dangerous warlike technology - visited upon Muslims of a dozen countries, I could well understand why they should fear or hate us. But I have no reason to fear or hate them. On the battlefields of the Levant and the Gulf, Muslims have several times saved my life. So why did I feel so unhappy about making this programme

tragedy of modern 'Islam-dom'," he said, "is that it has disregarded its own heritage and history, so that a great legendary among his students in Beirut, gave a grimace of displeasure. Well, I said, think of a new title for us, Tareef. "How practitioners of the religion. practitioners of the religion. The modern lawyers don't know their history. And hence head. "I've only just arrived here from Lebanon - I'm hetween two worlds." And lead to the hurning of books, "Between Two Worlds" was verdicts of unbelief, the cutting off of hands in public ... I I had not been keen on the think at the base of it are ner-

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in the way that Muslims have. As Crusades. "This is a history that between Abu Zeid and Salman Rushdie - supported the court's Heba Ezzaat put it with near conyou can't just throw out of the

increasingly tending to accommodate conservative and ignorant religious figures in order to pre-empt the fanatics. And it's a very sad state of affairs for a modern Muslim."

It surprised me how often Muslims were prepared to criticise the way in which their religion was practised. Not Islam itself, of course, but the accretions that have been added to it, and the perverse logic that has caused, for instance, a Cairocourt to order an Egyptian professor and his wife to divorce on the grounds that his academic work on the Koran proves him to be an apostate. Heha Ezzaat, an Islamist writer and university teacher in Cairo, spoke bitterly of "the Kingdom of Silence" -Saudi Arabia - while accepting that both Muslims and Christians were responsible for the

window," she said, "Blood was shed. Through the centuries, both sides ... started making our own myths regarding the enemy

... people just don't forget." Asking Muslims about their belief produced an odd effect on . me. I would not hesitate to refer to them as Muslims. But I tried not to refer to "us" as Christians. When I referred to "our" fear of Islam or what "we" thought of the role of women in the Middle East, I referred to "the West" rather than to Christians. And although Kamal Abu Maged, an Islamist Egyptian lawyer, insisted that westerners still retained their faith in God, I understood the reason for my reticence. We self-doubting westerners, with our liberal consciences and our superb technology, do not have faith in God

tempt when I angered her with my remarks about women: Christianity is not in the centre of your belief system any more."

talked to Professor Nasr Abu Zeid, the Egyptian professor who, fearing for his life, fled Cairo after he was judged an apostate. Not wanting to give his address over the phone, we met in a café at a Dutch railway station. "In the plane, I was very angry," he said. "I told my wife: 'If I die in any place – in Holland, in Spain - just bury my body where I die. Don't think about taking my body back to Egypt ... Don't do this to yourself or to me. At the end, all the lands are the earth of God!" Abu Maged - whom I interrupted when he tried to make a sly parallel

ruling. "You get the impression that this man does not believe in the Koran and is attacking and questioning the authenticity of the Koran," he said. "The issue is not criticism of the Koran. It is the reverting from Islam to

It seemed to me - and it still seems to me - that the emphasis on a woman's need to have less responsibility in outside life leads to the need to "protect" women and thus, by extension, to their secondary role in society. Who was I to make such objections. I was repeatedly asked, when I come from a socicty that allows women to toil in the frozen streets of Moscow, or undress for men in Manhattan strip joints? And why, Heba Ezzaat asked me, should I trumpet the worth of western techare talking to me about the death of God, the death of man

. about the unequal distribution of wealth in the world," she said indignantly above the roar of Cairo's traffic. Muslims had not kept their scientific discoveries secret in the 9th century. So why does the West prevent the Third World from learning the secrets of its technology today

It was a Christian, Kamal Institute of Inter-Faith Studies in Amman as well as being a distinguished Lebanese historian - who most vividly evoked the sense of betrayal felt by Muslims towards the West. The Egyptian and Ottohad tried to be like European he said. They were trying to introduce western education. even to learn western music

played Mozart and tried to paint. "They thought, 'perhaps if we do so, they the Europeans] will become our became more and more their \$ enemies. Mohamed Ali Pasha was trying to be European, pressed him. The Ottomans, while they were trying to become like Europeans, were called the 'sick man of Europe' by the Europeans who began to make plans for the partition of their territory. And once they had succeeded in destroying the Ottoman empire, they never were happy to see any possi-hility of the re-emergence of a really orderly and progressive

I was not encouraged by the making of Between Two Worlds. Towards the end of our conversation, I asked Khalidi, who lives in Beirut, how he could feel at home in the liberal, per-haps even Christian city of Cambridge, with King's College Chapel towering over his front window? Take a look at those two nearest spires to us," he said. "What do they remind you of?" Minarets, I said, "Yes, exactly, Roberto, Exactly ...

The belief in God was a constant. So was belief in the afterlife. And if Khalidi felt that paradise might resemble our Christian" version of the place - an endless golf course with angels playing harps to borect men in white robes - Egyptians and Lebanese all expressed their faith in life after death, a prior appointment on Judgement Day but an eternal life in which the Koran's promise of rivers of honey and virgins should be seen only as metaphors. Only Salibi, the Christian, sounded bleaker. "The end is the end," he said. And of course, this is what "we" fear most.

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because you begin to realise that people in different towns are very different in terms of their response. I normally kick the show off and introduce the first act by saying that I am doing a short tour, trying out new material and therefore have asked the tour promoter to book me into some real cack-boles so it doesn't matter if I die a death. An uproarious reaction to this statement normally presages a good lively show. A good example was Sounthorpe,

the other night. Cheers and cackles greeted the aforementioned line and I discovered an audience who were tipsy and enthusiastic. There was plenty of good-natured heckling and banter and people really seemed to enjoy themselves. The venue itself was aged, but the atmosphere was warm.

Huddersfield, a night later, was the opposite. The venue was a new, smart atre, and for some moments I found myself thinking that the audience had come to see me in the mistaken belief that I was Joe Brown, the Fifties rocker. I'm sure everyone in Huddersfield isn't like this ... probably caught them on a bad night.

A good example of the painful way in which women indulge in the political arena popped up in former Yugo-slavia, in the debate, if one can call it that, between Dana, the wife of Slobodan Milosevic, and Mira, wife of Vuk Drasovic, opposition leader. Dana described Mira as "the bastard fruit of wild orgies in the forest", following a comment by Mira that she had the habits of a bandit and cattle

rustler. The words "mongoloid epileptic" were also bandied around. This does a disservice to women everywhere. Admittedly, it's a refreshing change to "The bonourable gentleman, blah, blah," but ultimately it just reinforces in the male mind the idea that women are a bunch of silly, emotional creatures. I just want to point out that lots of us aren't, with the exception of the hairdressing brigade

The Plain English Commission has awarded the Golden Rhubarb Trophy to Virginia Bottomley, who in ber job at Heritage has produced a stunningly inaccessible document with such gems as "deemed to vitiate any proceedings and anywise notwithstanding". John Major, who talks like a minor Dickens character on acid, was a runner-up.

Perhaps this obscuring of the bare facts has something to do with an attempt to prevent Joe Public having any idea what is going on. On the other hand, it could just be civil servants who went to Oxford or Cambridge showing off. Anywise nothwithstanding, I think it's the latter.

Surely it was only a matter of time before Fergie did an advert. We all know she's skint and adverts are a sure way of making a packet very quickly. George Orwell said that advertising was like the rattling of a stick inside a swill bucket, and I can't help but agree with him. It seems that advertisers will do almost anything lo sell their products. If they could get the Queen to do Otex carwax treatment, or the Pope to do flavoured



condoms, they would. Fergie is doing an ad for Olympus cameras after their negotiations with Naomi Campbell fell through, doubtless because our Naomi was asking for the GNP of Pern. One wonders whether it was an Olympus that caught Fergie in flagrante, toewise, in the first place. Wasu't that when all the trouble started?

At long last, a hit of good news for shortarses, among whose company I number myself. According to some recent research, it seems that we live longer lives in our short little bodies than the lanky ones do. Hopefully, this will make up for years of looking at the back of peoples' heads, looking ridiculous trying to climb over fences, and wearing jeans that have been folded over several times at the bottom, giving short people the appearance of dwarf country and western singers. Small women don't have such a problem as small men, many of whom seem dead unhappy with the fact that they cannot stand

head and shoulders above us women and feel superior by being able to point out features on the horizon out of our sight. Hence the small man compensatory blustering drive fortersome sort of prize. Well, little guys console yourselves with the thought syndrome, resulting in a that a lot of long coffins will be passing you by before you get to kick the bucket.

Do these fashionable social debates that pop up in the press really achieve anything? One week it's stalkers, the next it's badly behaved children. This week, an the beels of Gazza's appalling behaviour, it's beating your wife. Why do these blokes do it, how often do they do it, how can we stop them, and do the women that put up with it have some fatal incurable emotional flaw? Or is it their fault? Theories abound, all tainted with the political and social stance of the newspaper or magazine in question, from your Sun full-pagecolour-spectacular wife-beating special to your Times more-seriousbut-equally-judgmental approach. Is it just descriptive and page-filling, or prescriptive and genuinely meant? It's just that not much seems to been changing. Everyone panders to these readers' prejudices and then moves to nn to the next topic of the day. Perhaps Princess Diana sommed it up most eloquently in her Panorama interview when she referred to "battered this and battered that". As Elvis Costello said, "Yesterday's newsis tomorrow's fish and chip paper.". Next subject, please.

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Ms Jones wants half a million quid for the trauma of seeing Billy's willy

david aaronovitch

That has Bill Clinton got that Tony Blair hasn't? To use the three reasons why women like Bill (as adumbrated in this paper yesterday by my colleague Suzanne Moore): politics, empathy and marriage to a strong woman. Tune surely qualifies on numbers one and three. So it is Bill's empathy that explains his credit in the gender hank.

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Chambers' 21st Century Dictionary defines empathy as "the ability to share, understand and feel another person's feelings". And in-Bill Clinton's case, the desire to share is almost palpable. But according to a young woman called Paula Jones, it is not only feelings that the President likes to share. Ms Jones's lawsuit against the President for proactive empathy is likely to be heard in court now that the election is over.

Hers is a strange tale. A receptionist at the Excelsion Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas, she was called to the then Governor's bedroom by a state trooper. Ms Jones decided that Bill probably wanted to discuss her career (perhaps the telephonist at the Statehouse had just retired, and Paula was aware of the vacancy), so up she climbed, and in she

Once inside, she says, linton "took my hand. He was loosening his tie. He told me, 'You have nice curves; I love the way your hair goes down your body."

Things quickly went from had to worse. Governor Clinton (whose "face was just red, hect red") approached the sofa on which she was sitting and "as he sat down, he lowered his trousers and underwear". This is, I would imagine, an undignified and uncomfortable posture in which it must he quite easy to fall over, hut which is by no means physically impossible.

But then Ms Jones lands the killer blow, the one that may well stand up in court. There were," she reveals, distinguishing characteristics in Clinton's genital area." Not, of course, that she stopped to look, because understandably - she jumped up and left the room. And although the White House contests these claims with the utmost vigour, the Daily Tele-

graph correspondent Stephen Robinson wrote that "somehow her account rings true, in all its salacious detail".

Well, perhaps. Ms Jones has filed an affidavit in which she has described those "distinguishing charac-teristics" in Clinton's genital area which she noticed. She is not prepared to reveal what these were until the case comes to court, when the description may help her to get the half a million quid damages she is claiming for the trauma of seeing Bill's Willy.

But we can speculate. Now, all of us men hope that we have distinguishing characteristics in our genital areas (in fact, most of us hope that we have the same one). We would not like to think that we are completely indistinguishable genitally from our partners' former hoyfriends, brothers and fathers. We would have to admit, however, that most such distinguishing features would not be visible on cursory inspection - that a degree of familiarity would be required.

So what was it that the startled Paula noticed in the nanosecond between the dropped shorts and the flight for the door? What so burned itself into her retina, and impressed itself into her mind? A mole will not do. Could it be immense size? Or minuscule length? An extraordinary bend to the left, or a remarkable bias to the right? Was it a luminous green, with mauve hangings? Or was it - as my friend John speculates - tattooed with. the words "it's the economy,

stupid"?
Well, pretty soon Paula
will tell us. And we can expect calls for transparency and disclosure on the part of the President. A Senate committee may examine Mr Clinton in private and find either for or against him. Hillary will go on a chatshow and quibble with Paula's description. "I'm sorry, but those just aren't

Meanwhile, Mr Stephanopoulos, Clinton's whiz election work, isexpected any day, ready to advise Tony about how to show empathy to women. Show it, Tone, but just make sure it doesn't have any distinguishing features.

the genitals I married,

Dear Cathy – we're still out in the cold

by Jeremy Sandford

Thiny years ago, the TV film.

Cashy Come Home revealed to a shocked nation the extent of Britain's housing crisis. mmediate action was pledged; the charity Shelter was

How much has changed since? The author, who researched and wrote the film, reflects on the continued presence of forced evictions, homelessness and housing fumine - what Cathy achieved, and what it didn't

feel juhilation," une homeless father cried out to me as he entered the gothic portals of the ancient workhouse to rejoin his family.

One of the most important changes achieved by Cathy Come Home was that hundreds of husbands were allowed to join wives and children from whom they had been separated in hostels for the homeless.

This, it can be safely claimed, was a direct result of the film and the campaigning done by myself and Ken Loach, the film's director.

This separation of husbands was an appalling custom which split up families at a traumatic time when they most needed each other's support. In at least one hostel, men had been sent to prison for climbing in to be with their loved ones.

Birmingham allowed hondreds of men to rejoin their families in time for Christmas. Other hostels followed suit, so that throughout Britain, these tragic forced separations were brought to an end.

There were other changes Many hostels at that time turned mothers and children out into the streets between 2pm and 5pm to "get some fresh air" and "find themselves accommodation", even when it was raining. Many hostels operated a curtew, sometimes as early as 8pm. Mothers who got back late were penalised with the threat of eviction. That cruel rule was also abolished as a result of Cathy.

This happened very dra-matically in Birmingham, where, half-way through a large public meeting about their plight, all the homeless families got up to leave to be back in their hostels in time for the curfew. The council official responsible got a round of applause when he rescinded the curfew on the spot. Again, other hostels throughout the country followed suit. .

Conditions at Newington Lodge in Southwark, which was a sorting place for homeless families in the old LCC area, and the first hostel I visited, were heartbreaking. It was a vast and austere Vic-

torian workhouse in which up to three or four families were crammed into each room. There was a feeling of utter hopelessness. Feeding was com-munal and there was endemic

dysentery from which children were dying.

Mothers, at their wits' end, kept their children away from the dining room, hoping that this would prevent them catch-

ing the disease. But they had to

In a time of great bonanza, a government that can acquiesce in the homelessness of so large a part of its population must be reckoned unfit to govern'

pay quite a large rent for being here and couldn't afford to feed their children; in the end, they would have to use the dining room, with sometimes fatal results. Little coffins were often

seen leaving Newington Lodge on their last journey.

Some mothers, as I showed in Cathy, did a runner, tried to hide somewhere and fought to keep their children when eviction came. "My children were tom from my arms, just like you showed," wrote one mother

after seeing the film. Cathy brought an end to that. A government circular urged local anthorities not to separate children from their parents for reasons of homelessness; parents and children must whenever possible be kept together. Within a year or so, the number of children sepa-

rated from their parents in this way dropped from thousands a year to hundreds.

gency accommodation for the homeless. Thirty years later, in June this year, the equivalent figure was 100,000 - a tenfold increase. (Of these, 12,000 people were in bed and breakfast establishments, at a cost of a million pounds a week, or £33

per head per night).
Immediately after Cathy, there was a Labour pledge to see that building would be increased to 500,000 new homes a year. In the following period, 200,000 council homes were huilt yearly. We did, just once, pass the 500,000 figure. Then came the great housing

So now for the bad news. dwellings were built; to which When Cathy was first shown, there were 12,500 people, including children, in emershould be added 31,000 housing association dwellings. Last year, there were 50,000

> working day. Last year, 125,000 housebolds were officially accepted as homeless by councils in England - part of well over a million households accepted as officially homeless over the last decade.

> These figures do not include single homeless people, among them the sort that Cathy became when, deprived of husband and children, she was no longer allowed to remain at the hostel for the homeless.

At that time, it was rare to

cutback, initiated by Labour see people sleeping out on the and continued by the Thries. streets. Now it is common in Last year, only 812 council many areas. Emergency accommodation in bed and breakfast hutels is an improvement on the old workhouses. but a hotel room suitable for mortgage repossession evictions nne or two people on holiday - 1.000 each week, or 20 each is no place to hring up a famnne or two people on holiday ily. Of an evening, amid a sea of beds and boxes and suiteases containing the families' pos-sessions, Dad may typically be watching the telly. Mum cooking up tea on an illegal electric ring, baby crawling around cre-ating havoe and daughter trying to do her homework.

Oblivious to all this, the Government has come up with a housing act which will weaken even further the duty of local authorities to provide emergency accommodation, or provide permanent homes for homeless people. The act also makes it easier for landlords to evict tenants with rent arrears.

Those who aspire to ideas beyond their status, such as a home where they can live secure with their children peacefully, are still reminded that they should not be too optimistic or cocky.

Extraordinary though it may seem, the housing famine appears to me to have been artificially created. The thinking might be that people who are homeless or in fear of eviction will be reminded of who is boss and be less likely to take to the streets in protest.

In a time of great bonanza. with the mega-sale of oncefor-all assets - oil and nation-alised industries - a government that for year after year can acquiesce in the homelessness of so large a proportion of its population must surely be reckoned untit to govern.

There is, it seems to me, a case to be answered. Could we not return to the idealism of the post-war years (another time of housing famine), when scores of thousands of returning soldiers and their families took the law into their own hands and occupied empty property, especially the camps made redundant by a shrinking army?

There are not far short of a million empty homes, many kept void by army or govern-ment departments. Have we as a nation lost all memory of that idealism and ability to do what is right, even if it does mean trampling down bureaucratic complacency, possibly bureaucratic ing some of the sinking bogs of red tape? Are the ordinary fulk -you and me - too cowed these days to do it? There is far more empty property than there are homeless people. Britain and its resources belong to all of us, not just to police or government.

We have not been overrun by an overweening, impertinent, authoritarian, hostile power who have planted themselves in our town halls and seats of government, even if it sometimes feels like it.

Lucre made the spires what they are

xford University, traditionally the home of lost causes, seems bent on becoming the home of est donations.

The don's parhament, Congregaprincely and historic gift of £20m to build a world-class business school right in the middle of Oxford. The dons that did not turn up to bark will soon have the chance to overturn this daft decision by a postal vote. They should reject the arguments put forward - often in high-minded prose, hut too often based on malicious motive - because there are three reasons why the dons' decision

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First, because of the historic short-sightedness of their view, which is prejudiced against rich-merchant adventurers, and in particular if they are foreign. Oxford would not be like it is if buccancering and free-spirited businessmen operating abroad had not prospered, and then decided to put a good slice of their prosperity into the university.

Ponder Cecil Rhodes and all that African money. This treasure-house architecture and powerhouse of simply would not exist if it had not been for the help of people like Mr Said, stretching back through the

centuries to the high Middle Ages. Yet there is among a small but influential minority in the university the perfectly disgusting view that money generously offered is tainted by the



In refusing 'tainted money' for a business school, Oxford's dons are ignoring their own long tradition and acting out of malice, argues John Patten

origin of the hand that offers it. Photographs of the scene outside Congregation during the debate were sadly typical of modern Oxintd -undergraduates holding banners with such thoughtful messages as "we don't want your bloody money". These stu-dent manifestations, and those of some of their donnish elders, would be quaint if they were not so damag-ing to one of Britain's greatest institutions. The opposition to Mr Said's gift seems largely based on wild accu-sations of tainted money, for which there is absolutely no foundation. and is linked to the fact that Mr Said is a friend of Lady Thatcher.

I am convinced that much, although

not all, of the arguments against this donation emanated from a bunch of intellectual and political pygmies who are afraid to come out for fear of demonstrating that they are deeply prejudiced – just the sort of political incorrectness that they are endlessly trying to root out in other people. This xenophobia among those who prattle on about the importance of a plural society" is unforgivable.

Just imagine if on this very site Bill Gates of Microsoft had officred £20m to build a business school. The don-nish world would have been falling over itself to applaud such a magnificent WASP benefaction.

Second, what about the site? Open green space is important in Oxford, and the river velleys provide vital green lungs right in the heart of the city. This business school would cer-

crowded, with buildings of all sorts, shapes, sizes and antiquity hug-a-mugger with each other. But the university has flourished

precisely because of that crowding, with dons in their departments, or in the senior common rooms of their col-leges, rubbing intellectual sparks off each other as they meet there or in the streets and lanes of the city centre. Its very crowded nature is part of the namic that has driven Oxford on through the centuries.

Third, if Oxford donnery in its

postal vote really does reject this benefaction, or if the city council then decides to compound the injury by refusing to give it planning permission, then town and gown together will be making the classic "science. park mistake".

What is this? Thirty years ago, Cambridge decided to have one, to the immense benefit of that university and its townfolk, revitalising the real economy of the area just as it stimulated scientific Cambridge. Oxford missed out. What this business school would do is have exactly the same multiplier effect on Oxford. not just on the intellectual life of the university, but by creating the extraordinary range of jobs and activities that will flow from it, preventing the city from sliding more into a theme

park with old buildings.
The business of business should not be recharged as vulgar. If we are going to be prosperous in the 21st century.

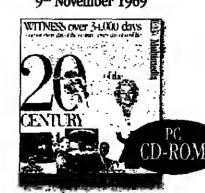
ture of people prepared to participate in vigorous economic endeavours. If this project fails, and the university settles for second best - huilding a business school years later, out beyond the ring road - n will largely have lost its point. If it is slap bang in the middle of Oxford, then young men and women will daily walk past it, they will see that it is there, and by the virtue of it being there be encouraged to recogoise it as part of their culture. That is why an integrated business school is so vital and its central location critical.

What about those almost incessantly approached by colleges and the university to make donations? It is a myth that it is "vulgar big husinesses" that always give all the donations to a university like Oxford. Great sums of money are raised continually by approaching individuals who give their standing order for so many pounds a month, or an occasional hard-earned gift of £500. How will they feel if the university slaps this gift full in the face? Many will think that if they do not want £20m, they cannot want my £500.

A lot will also conclude that there something very rotten in the heart of Oxford. And that it was not Mr Said's husiness school.

John Patten, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, was once both a Fellow of an Oxford college, and Education





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Bootle to replace Minford on 'wise person' panel

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has reshuffled his panel of "wise persons", replacing the most controversial of his six advisers with a prominent City economist.

Professor Patrick Minford, an outspoken Liverpool University professor, will be replaced when his appointment expires at the end of the year by Roger Bootle, chief economist at HSBC putting him in a minority on the Markets and a visiting profesTreasury's Panel.

dustry," Mr Bootle said. The employment has not reached Treasury likes to have a wide the level where wages start to sor at Manchester Business

Professor Minford, a committed Thatcherite, ruffled Treasury feathers earlier this year by accusing the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, of failing to understand the economy and of jeopardising the Conservatives' re-election chances. He has recommended big cuts in interest rates and taxes,

He said: "Being on the panel has been frustrating, but I put my views across and I enjoyed He welcomed the choice of Mr Bootle, who said yesterday that he was most concerned at this juncture about the strength of the exchange rate.

There is a serious danger of a repetition of the traditional British policy error, which would be catastrophic for in-

range of views represented by the six wise persons - cynics suggest it can help to justify any policy. Mr Bootle agreed that although he and Professor Minford used very different intellectual frameworks, they had

many views in common. Both believe that interest rates can fall without the risk of higher inflation because labour market deregulation means un-

rise. The title of Mr Bootle's recently published book. The Death of Inflation, gives the flavour of his views very clearly. Both men are also Eurosceptics.

However, Mr Bootle disagrees with Professor Minford's call for a giveaway Budget. "I would argue for tax rises or big spending cuts," he said. That means all six of the Chancellor's advisers are recommending a

tough Budget. Two other pan-el members, Professor Tim Congdon of Lombard Street Research and Gavyn Davies of Goldman Sachs, had their appointments renewed for another year.

The remaining three - Kate Barker of the CBI, Bridget Rosewell of Business Strategies and Martin Weale of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research - have another two years to serve.



Patrick Minford: Ruffled Treasury feathers this year

VW star

faces

espionage

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German prosecutors are expected to charge Vnikswagen executive Jose Ignacio Lopez with industrial espionage later this month, a lawyer acting for the car chief confirmed yester-

Mr Lopez has been under in-

vestigation since 1993 after he

quit as head of purchasing at

General Motors to join Volk-

swagen, taking with him, Gen-eral Motors alleges, commercial

secrets about new production

The charges, to be laid by the Darmstadt prosecutors office, relate to allegations that Mr Lopez and three other former

General Motors executives took

with them secrets relating to a

new manufacturing concept

During the three-year cam-

paign General Motors has waged against Mr Lopez and Volkswagen, it has alleged that

the information was used to

known as Plant X.

techniques.

Michael Harrison

Electricity companies attract third **US** predator

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Fresh turmoil gripped regional electricity companies yester-day as the third US predator to stalk the sector in the space of a fortnight was helieved to be evaluating mounting a possible

The potential US power bidder was thought to be CMS Energy, which supplies electricity and gas to 1.5 million customers in Michigan, It had sales last year of \$3.9hn (£2.4bn) and made profits of \$603m (£365m). CMS Energy has been increasingly active in power projects outside the US and makes 20 per cent of its revenues ahroad.

Kelly Farr, a CMS spokesman, declined to comment. "It is company policy not to comment on rumours about our husiness activities," he said.

One suggestion was that CMS could pounce on Yorkshire Electricity, though the company is not helieved to have had approaches from any potential suitors for five or six

The possibility was also raised that a rival bidder could be in the wings for East Midlands. which is facing a possible bid from Dominion Resources, a

Virginian utility company.

Dominion has said that it would not be prepared to pay ket realities and discuss with us a 1935 Bentley 3.5 tourer, and much more than 60Sp a share for East Midlands, valuing the Nottingham-based group at £1.2hn, though analysts have suggested a successful hidder would have to pay around 670p. Shares in the company edged up lp to 593.5p.

The outcome of the Dominion board meeting is not exrected to be known until the stock market reopens on Mon-

ernment would allow a £766m takeover bid for Northern Electric from US-owned CE Electric and any hid for East

Midlands to proceed. The uncertainty took its toll on Northern Electric's share price yesterday. Northern shares slumped 18p to 605.5p, which is 24.5p below CE Electric's 630p offer price.
It enabled CE Electric to buy

a further 2.7 million shares in the company and takes CE Electric's stake to 29.45 per cent, just short of the maximum stake of almost 30 per cent permitted at this stage in the hid-ding process under takeover

Big sellers of Northern shares over the past two days includ-ed Mercury Asset Manage-ment, which sold 1.19 million shares, representing almost its entire stake in the group, and Hill Samuel, which sold 564,000

David Sokol, the chairman of CE Electric's main shareholder, power generator CalEnergy of Nehraska, called on Northcm's management to recommend the offer to shareholders.

"To prolong this takeover can only be damaging to share-holders' interests. Our intent towards Northern Electric has always been friendly and I hope that the Northern Electric hoard will recognise these marthe recommendation of our offers," he said.

Mr Sokol's comments were dismissed by Northern's advisers, who insisted the battle was far from over.

A disappointed David Morris, the Northern chairman, said he still believed the 630pa-share hid was too low and hlamed the share price fall on the belief that the bid would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.



Crazy about classics: John Goldsmith is restoring a written-off Aston Martin DB6 for the race

80 rally to the call of a classic car race

John Willcock

A glittering array of more than 80 husinessmen, lawyers, accountants, aristocrats and the odd prince is preparing for the 16,000-kilometre Peking to Paris classic car rally next year.

The epic will mark the 90th anniversary of the first such rally, which was won by Prince Borghese of Italy. This time around drivers include Christopher Dunkley

from Lloyd's of London driving

John Stuttard, chairman of Coopers & Lybrand in China, in a 1934 Rolls-Royce. Aristocratic polish is added by Lord Montagu, who is driving the oldest car in the rally, a 1914

Prince Henry Vauxhall. The royal contingent is led by Prince Idris Shah of Malaysia in a 1954 Studehaker Coupe. The adventure has been or-

ganised by Phillip Young, who has helped put on previous Monte Carlo rallies, and his colYoung has negotiated rights of lowed, and as John Goldsmith, way across 22 countries, in one of the drivers says, if you cluding China, Nepal, Pakistan, Iran and Turkey.

The rally starts in September next year and lasts 45 days. Drivers pay a £25,000 entry fee and must carry all their own spares.

break down in the middle of nowhere "you're on your own mate". But the organisers will use one sweeper car at the back to make sure any broken down cars can be helped to the next checkpoint on the journey.

Mr Goldsmith's firm, Goldsmith and Young, restores As-ton Martins at its workshops in Wiltshire, and Mr Goldsmith himself is restoring a written-off Aston Martin DB6 "in order to win the race".

The steep entry fee has caused some problems. Sir

sold it, and will now probably go in his 1962 Riley. Geny Acher, head of audit at KPMG, is looking forward to the rally with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. He's driving his own 1932 Aston

an engine capacity of just 1.5 litres, one of the smallest cars in the rally. This little car has got to get us up to 17,000 feet [in Nepal]. along with all our spares and camping equipment. The vari-

ations in conditions are going to be terrific." Mr Acher's only previous experience of this type of thing was a four-day Euro Classic Car Ral-ly, when his wife navigated. "She's very good at it. Both me and my co-driver, who's an expert mechanic, are useless at navigating, so it should be interesting.

internal target for profits before

This figure rose slightly last year to £16.7m, but was only

struck after a one-off gain of

£2.2m arising from a 10-year

publishing deal with VCI, the

video group that earlier this year

tried to buy Manchester Unit-

ed for about £300m. The

spokesman said that United's

results came in above analysts'

last month after reportedly say-ing he would only entertain bids

for the club above £400m. That

led to heavy huying of United's

shares, forcing the club to issue

a statement saying no ap-proaches had been received.

Mr Edwards was criticised

transfer fees.

help huild a new production plant in Brazil. Volkswagen has consistently denied the allega-David Steel, the former Liberal leader, is looking for spon-sorship. The classic car rallying In a statement issued from his Frankfurt office, Mr Lopez's fanatic was originally going to China in his 1965 Rover, but he lawyer, Jürgen Taschke, said he expected charges to be filed against his client in November. The three other executives who are expected to be charged -Jose Gutierrez, Jorge Alvarez and Roscario Piazza - left Gen-

eral Motor's German subsidiary, Opel, at the same time as Mr Lopez left to join Volk-Martin International, and with swagen in March 1993. General Motors initiated criminal C proceedings against its former executive two months later. Volkswagen said that Mr Lopez, a member of its man-

> with the company even if he were to face criminal charges. Mr Lopez has been credited with helping return Volkswagen, Europe's higgest car-maker, to financial health after falling into losses in the early 1990s. As head of General Motor's worldwide ourchasing operations, he has a fearsome reputation for cost-cutting. He hrought his skills to Volkswagen, helping it

turn to profitability. A spokesman for the Frankfurt prosecutors office, which is handling public statements concerning the case, refused to comment on the statement from Mr Lopez's lawyer.

"We are not commenting on whether a decision has already been taken to bring charges or to terminate proceedings," Hildegard Becker-Toussaint the office's spokeswoman, said. She said a decision would be made by the end of the year on

whether criminal charges were to be brought against Mr Lope, and the three other executive German newspaper reports had earlier quoted Mr Lopez's lawyer as saying he expected the four would be charged with misappropriation and unfair compeution.

If found guilty, Mr Lopez could face a maximum prison

doubted whether the UK Gov-Market report, page 24 | league, Peter Browning. Mr Local colour: A contestant in the 1907 car rally, won by Prince Borghese of Italy **A&L** rebel customers fight flat-rate payout

Alliance & Leicester Building Society is facing a mounting campaign by rebel customers who object to the flat-rate payout it has proposed for its flota-

Pat Mountain, 63, is a retired businessman who has been with A&L for 30 years, and he has set up an "Action Group" to win better compensation for "loyal hone-term investors". The society caused a stir-

when it announced 10 days ago that it intends to give a flat-rate 250 shares (worth an estimated £1,000) to all members who had a minimum balance

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This is in contrast to other societies which are converting to which have a sliding scale re-

warding higger and more longterm investors. Mr Mountain has written to Peter White, chief executive of A&L requesting a face-to-face meeting to put his claims for better treatment. Mr Mountain said: "The Alliance & Leicester will have had a shock over the last few days about the extent of the deep anger which their move has provoked. They

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The action group claims it has with 24 million investors we plc status, such as the Halifax. know we are only seeing the barest tip of the iceberg. Even so it is clear to us that an overwhelming majority of those in-vestors intend shutting down their accounts with A&L."

Mr Mountain said in one hour alone he took calls from people whose collective investment in the Society was nearly £2m. "This must surely be deeply worrying fnr A&L - and possibly even more so for the stock market authorities, who surely can't should take note of that protest which is clearly being felt by many thousands of investors." relish the appalling odour surrounding a company shortly to be floated on their Exchange."

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Man Utd boss nets 39% pay rise

Patrick Tooher

The basic pay of Martin Edwards, Manchester United's chief executive, soared by 39 per cent last year, despite the football club reporting a sharp drop in profits.

The company's latest report and accounts, just posted to shareholders, shows Mr Edwards received a base salary of £212,000 for the 12 months to July 1996, compared with £153,000 the previous year. It also reveals that Mr Edwards earned a £67,000 performance-related bonus, even though United's operating in-come actually fell to £14.2m from £15.6m due to lower gate receipts and weaker merchan-

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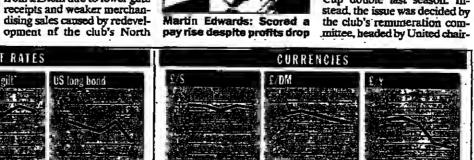


ed winning the League and FA Cup double last season. In-

crease of 11 per cent.

Mr Edwards is United's largest shareholder with a 17.2 per cent stake, entitling him to an annual dividend income of more than £550,000. He has also been the single biggest benefi-ciary of United's soaring share price. At last night's close his stake was worth almost £18m with the shares closing down. 8.5p at 496.5p. A company spokesman said Mr Edwards' bonus had nothing to do with Manchester Unit-





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Dresdner unveils plan for \$50bn asset group

Dresdner Bank has announced ambitious plans to create a \$50bn global asset management group for all its institu-tional funds outside Germany, writes John Willcock

The group will unite the institutional side of Kleinwort Benson Investment Management in London, Thornton Group in London and Hong Kong, and RCM in San Francisco. It will employ 900 people world-wide.

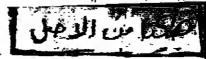
Dresdner. Germany's second-largest bank, bought Kleinwort for £1 hn last year and has already concentrated its cor-

porate finance and investment banking activities in London. The new group will be headed up by RCM of San Francisco, an institutional fund manager which Dresdner

bought last year. Simon Robertson, Klein-wort's chief executive, street that London would not the

weakened by this move. "This is a big move for us. It will create a truly global asset management business. We hope it will give KBIM, which has not enjoyed as much success as we would have liked in

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JEREMY WARNER

'If policy is now to be defined on the basis of those "able to afford it", I can think of a whole host of others just as

deserving of a windfall tax. Let's begin with all those fat cats in the City, which we all know to be essentially a monopoly

There's no such thing as a popular tax, even when it happens to be one directed at the hated privatised utilities. Labour would do well to heed this ancient truism as it digs itself ever deeper into the mire over its windfall profits tax proposal. It could all end up backfiring.
But then we mustn't call it a tax, must we?

What is proposed, as Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, constantly insists, is "a levy". We've had this shilly-shallying with the semantics of taxation once before; on that occasion it was Mrs Thatcher and her min-isters who ridiculously continued to refer to something they called the community "charge" even as the hoi polloi were rioting on the streets over what everybody else termed the poll tax.

in this case there is rather more justification for lahelling it a levy, for unless Labour changes its mind again - and it has pirouetted on this so many times that there is no reason to believe it won't - this will be a one-off charge levied on a specific type of company, those that happen once to have heen owned by the state.

It is perhaps the case that the discriminatory, arbitrary and essentially random nature of this tax justifies the term levy. All the same, most of us will continue to think of it as a tax and for that reason the Con-

credibility of the idea sufficiently as to make it seem unworkable, then Labour is in difficulty as the election approaches, for this is the only revenue-raising proposal it has yet come up with. It will, as a consequence, form a cornerstone of Labour's first tax and spending Budget. Strip out the windfall profit tax and Labour will be hard-pressed

to deliver on promised spending.
On this front, too, Kenneth Clarke may he on to a winner. On virtually every level you care to take, this is a tax hard to justify and hard to implement. The first rule of taxation is that it should be consistently applied in a non-discriminatory way. On this test, the proposal fails on every score, so much so that Labour's tax lawyers and financial advisers are still, years after the proposal was mooted wrestling with the legal difficulties of defin-

ing those the party wants to penalise.

This week we have been treated to a fully blown and increasingly hysterical demonstration of disarray over the issue. It kicked off with a stroppy little letter to the *Inde-*pendent from Tony Blair's head of press, Alastair Campbell, in which he complained hitterly about something written by our good selves on the subject. In the process, he referred to a tax levied on "privatised monopoly utilities".

thermore, if ministers can undermine the , have taken care to get his definitions right. Certainly PowerGen and National Power took it seriously enough to declare "party time", for whatever else they are, they are not monopolies. Unfortunately for them, Mr Campbell seems to bave been a touch sloppy in his drafting. According to Her Majesty's Daily Tele-

Labour gets itself in a pickle over utilities tax

graph, an odd place for Mr Campbell to spin his view of the world, the tax will actually apply to 30 privatised companies. The only pure privatised monopolies are the water and electricity distribution companies and they number 25. So there are five nonmonopoly "mystery" companies that will be hit, too. Which are they? Not saying, Labour retorts, which is hardly surprising since it appears not yet to know.

Co much for the problems of definition. Then comes the even thornier question of how to levy the tax. For this I have turned to the famous "leaked" City report from which Labour seems to have garnered its list of 30 "comfortably" able to afford the £5bn-

£10bn Labour wants for its training proposals.

Funnily enough it didn't take long to unearth this document since it turned out to be nothing more remarkable than a four-page circular to clients from SBC Warburg, which has been hanging around on my desk servative Party is probably on to a winner in identifying it as a campaigning issue. Fur-imight have thought Mr Campbell would "leaked" another two quite similar reports

over the past month which I would be happy in forward to the Labour Party should they wish to give me a bell. No doubt it is quite a compliment to SBC Warburg to be used as the basis for Labour's latest musings on the subject, though its clients among the util-

ities might think otherwise, hut really.

If policy is now to be defined on the hasis of these might be a second or the hasis of these might be a second or the hasis of these might be a second or the hasis of these might be a second or the hasis of these might be a second or the hasis of these might be a second or the hasis of these might be a second or the hasis of these might be a second or the hasis of of those "able to afford it". I can think of a whole host of others just as deserving of a windfall tax. Let's begin with all those far cats in the City, which we all know to be essentially a monopoly. A retrospective tax on City bonuses will do for starters. Now, let's see. Who's gol a bit of money to spare? I know. How about Glaxo Wellcome? Sting Sir Richard Sykes for 500 mil and he'd harely notice the difference. Then what about old Wafic Said? Oxford dons have just turned down his offer of £20m towards a business school, so thanks very much, we'll have it instead.

I exaggerate, of course, but to be honest, not very much. You might as well target any company or individual who has enjoyed "above average returns" for all the differ-ence it would make. If there is an intellec-tual justification for it as far as the privatised utilities are concerned, it is to do with the contention that these companies were hopelessly undersold at the time of privatisation and that the taxpayer has been short-changed as a consequence. Well, perhaps.

but it is also the case that they were sold for the best that could be achieved at the time commensurate with the Government's other aim of wider share ownership. That they were not sold for more is in part down to the Labour Party, which did its utmost to undermine each successive privatisation.

To turn round now and say let's have a hit more money is like the man who sells his house for too little and then later tries to reclaim the difference; it is not the way of the world. Furthermore, in a great number of cases, the present generation of shareholders are not the ones that have enjoyed the windfall gains. US companies buying into our regional electricity industry have done so at the top of the market. If Labour attacks them, retaliatory action will be taken by the Clinton administration against British interests in the US. Not that there is any chance of Labour

backing off here. Labour leaders may be divided on the detail of this new tax but they are united in believing it a reasonable way to raise money. All the same, the precedent is an awful one, which one way or another. utility customers will end up paying for. Strangely, the easiest and fairest way to raise money for spending, increasing corporation tax across the board, seems to have been missed by the Labour Party. But then that's one Lahour would be well advised not to trumpet from the rooftops.

AT&T rolls out big guns to stall BT wedding plan

AT&T, America's biggest phone company, is gearing up its awesome lobbying machine to stall British Telecom's proposed £13bn merger with MCL. the second-largest long-dis-tance carrier in the US. The deal, the largest to involve a British company, threatens AT&T's number one spot in the US telecommunications

That AT&T would not sit back and watch the BT-MC1 marriage sail through was obvious from the first words uttered on the affair hy the chief executive, Robert Allen. Pardon mc, he said, but had not the US government better first establish that the British market is open before giving

BT its MCI plum? starting with the Federal Com- getting what they wan! - their

America's biggest telephone group is gearing up its. lobbying machine, writes David Usborne in New York

scrutiny. It would like best of all to bave it knocked down dead. That is over-ambitious. But AT&T can hope to use the proposed merger to gain improved market leverage in

"AT&T is going to be pulling out all the stops and doing everything it can to at least slow the imminent merger and to belp clear the hurdles that remain for them in the United Kingdom," Jeffrey Kagan, of Kagan Telecom The translation is clear: Associates, said yesterday. AT&T will be doing all it can And AT&T is no lobbying lo persuade US regulators, amateur, "They are used to

munications Commission (FCC), to subject the agreement to the most rigorous of AT&T is diligent in currying favour with Washington's powmer members of Congress that was deployed most re-cently ahead of the passage erful. During the Chicago Delast February of the Telecommocratic Convention in munications Deregulation

August, for instance, the com-Bill. which tore down company invited delegates to a "Party of Champions" in the petitive barriers between longdistance and local carriers in restaurant owned by basketball the US. Those in AT&T's pay in-clude such figures as Rohert legend Michael Jordan. The chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Donald Strauss, a former Democrat cabinet appointee and George Fowler, was treated to a breakfast cruise on the lake. A Bush's ambassador in Washsimilar cruise was offered to ington, and Vin Weber, who Republican leaders at their represented his Minnesota San Diego convention. district in the House of Rep-

Less conspicuous, but much more potent, is the network of lobbyists that AT&T has working for it in Washington. It is 'a roster made up largely of for-

dential campaign and is perhaps the oldest political friend of Newt Gingrich. When the telecoms reform debate was at its peak, Mr Weber was able one day to walk Mr Allen into the Speaker's office.

In his statement, Mr Allen insisted that Washington sbould "condition any approval of the merger on the complete and unqualified opening of the telecom market in the United Kingdom".

He went on: "BT still controls more than 90 per cent of all local telephone connections [in Britain] and equal access to customers and telephone providers simply does not exist."

AT&T is likely to bave a Reed Hundt, chairman of the FCC. In a visit to London only in September, Mr Hundt criticised European countries for



Currying favour; Robert Allen, chief executive of AT&T, is asking the US government to establish that the British market is open hefore approving the BT deal

mpathetic ear, meanwhile, in moving too slowly to dilute the up. Yet nowhere else... do we

grip of monopoly carriers, in- see a repetition of our clear-"In the US we are very demonopolisation." Fancy a

ly successful experiment with lucky that AT&T was broken cruise, Mr Hundt?

 Regatian, the property group, said it planned to tap shareholders for £16.8m to finance residential projects in central London. The one-for-two rights issue at 30p, which is being underwritten by BZW, will be used to cash in on the rise in residential prices in London, which Regalian believes are set to continue for several years. The group announced pre-tax profits raised from £400,000 to £1.6m and said it would pay an interim dividend of 0.4p.

 Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, the ITV franchise holder, yesterday issued a writ against CIA, the media buyers, following an escalating dispute over the sale of air time in several ITV regions. YTT is claiming £785,000, in settlement of the disagreement over discounts offered to CIA for the sale of air time which was not subsequently taken up. The dispute had thrown into further question the complicated arrangements used to sell ad time on ITV, in-dustry leaders said last night. Other ITV companies at the centre of the wrangle are Granada, LWT and Border Television, all members of the Granada-controlled Laser sales bouse.

• The Juhn Lewis Partnership said its department store sales rose II.1 per cent in the week to 2 November from a year earlicr. For the 14 weeks to 2 November, turnover grew 15.6 per cent year-on-year. Total sales, including those from the Waitrose supermarker chain, rose 12.4 per cent in the 14-week period.

· Porsche, the German sports car maker, is set to resume dividend payments after reporting net profits rose to DM48.1m (£19.3m) in the year to July from DM2.1m a year earlier. A preference share dividend of DM2.50 and DM1.50 dividend per common share, equivalent to a total payout of DM3.5m, will be put to shareholders in January. In addition, preference shareholders will receive hack-payments for the years they did not receive a dividend. Porsche last paid a dividend on its preference shares in 1992 and has not paid out on its ordinary shares

 Reliance Security said trading profits for the six months to
 November would be substantially below market expectations and last year's figure. It said the market for contract security management and manpower services was experiencing con-tinuing competitive pressures, resulting in a slowdown in growth levels experienced in previous years and margin decline.

· Community Hospitals Group said Sir Peter Thompson had retired as chairman and resigned from the board.

 Sema has been given a contract by Malaysia to develop computer software for the organisers of the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games. Under the deal, valued at £2.17m by industry sources, the group will supply and integrate all systems, ranging from accreditation, ticketing and transport to providing results. It will also develop an information system to be integrated with the Intercet for world-wide distribution of realtime results and medal standings.

 Hansom is raising £1.58m in a placing and open offer. The group said that following the fund-raising, it would be able to look to the future "with confidence". First-half losses were cut from £390,000 to £222,000, but no interim dividend is being paid.

 Dalgety warned shareholders that the continuing fall-out from the BSE scare meant first-half profits were unlikely to show any improvement. Yesterday's annual meeting was told that last year's "mad cow" problems were largely over, but that "inevitably the first half of our current year will be affected, and profits are unlikely to show improvement at the interim stage".

Roxboro Group yesterday issued its second profits warning in less than two months. The electronic components group saw its shares dive from 202.5p to 123p after announcing that there was no immediate prospect of any meaningful recovery in demand levels for its Dialight Electronics Product business. As a result, profits would be below current market expectations, the company said.

• Unit trusts appear in The Long Weekend.

Inflation fears turn investors towards Italy

resentatives for 12 years before

setting up as a consultant in

Boh Dole's doomed presi-

Mr Weber was a co-chair of

Diane Coyle **Economics Editor**

Interoational investors have given an unprecedented thumbs-down to Britain's economic policy.

Following the Bank of Eng-land's warning this week that base rates would have to rise. the gap between the interest rate the British government has to pay on its deht and the German government's horrowing costs widened yesterday to nearly two full percentage

In addition, the yield on long-term Italian government bonds fell below the yield on benchmark 10-year gilts for the first time. In recent weeks both Spanish and Swedish govero-

ment bonds have seen their yields dip below those on gilts. "li's a good thing the Greeks

do not issue these bonds or

there would be one last milestone," said Stephen Lewis, chief economist at London Bond Broking. "The Bank of England is being vindicated." Kevin Adams, gilts analyst at BZW, said gilts were very good value, yielding a third more than

German bunds. "Bni international investors just won't bold gilts at the moment," he said. The negative sentiment in the financial markets reflects the prospect that UK inflation will pick up as the economy moves min top gear. The buoyant retail survey reported by the Confederation of British Industry on

Thursday reinforced this concern.

Despite the problems, margins managed to creep up in

The fact that investors now find Italian government bonds more attractive represents a remarkable turnaround. Italy has almost always had higher inflation and weaker government finances than the UK.

Mr Lewis said that Italy's inflation could be lower than the UK's during the next few months, which would make the UK inflation rate the highest among the G7 industrial countries. He said Italy was planning to halve its budget deficit to the equivalent of 3.3 per cent of GDP in 1997, while the UK borrowing requirement was likely to be 3.5 per cent of GDP.

The financial markets have also taken into account Italy's enthusiasm for the single Euгореап ситтепсу.

Wall St heading for a crash, says Kleinwort

Yesterday brought a fresh warning that the US stock market is heading for a crash, with investment bank Kleinwort Benson sending a warning to clients to take "extreme care" with regard to share prices around the world during the next few months, writes Diane Coyle. Equity strategist Albert Ed-

wards advises, in the latest circular: "We are maximum bearish." Kleinwort has raised its holdings of cash to the maximum permissible level of 15 per cent of the total portfnlio. Kleinwort is the latest to join the growing list of finan-cial institutions in its cantinn about Wall Street - Philips & Drew Fund Management is the most prominent amongst them because of the scale of its bet against the US market.

Although worried about slow growth in Germany and Japan. it is the US that gives Kleinwort most cause for concern. Mr Edwards writes that US share prices incorporate extremely buoyant expectations of company profits. With the market priced at 16 times prospective corporate earnings in the next year, it is very vulnerable to a fall in the US bond market, he

A reversal of the US bond rally could be triggered by Japanese investors pulling out due to fears that the dollar's period of strength against the yen has come to an end. Fishke Sakakibara, director general of the Ministry of Finance, said this week financial markets had underestimated the strength of the Japanese economy.

PFI Michael Harrison The Government's Private Fi-

Prison

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nance Initiative received a douhle boost vesterday as two new prison and rail schemes were given the go-ahead. Transport executives in Man-

chester announced that Altram. a consortium including the construction group John Laing, has been selected as the preferred bidder for a £100m Metrolink extension.

Kvaemer, the Norwegian shipping and engineering group which took over Trafalgar House earlier this year, meanwhile announcd that it is to build a £30m

PFI prison in Nottinghamshire. The Manchester Metrolink extension to Salford Quays and Eccles is expected to be operational by 1999 and will carry 6 million passengers a year. The consortium, which also includes Ansaldo Transport and Serco Group, will also take over operation of the existing Metrolink system from Bury to Altrincham and through to Manchester city

Roger Hall, a director of projects for Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive. said it now needed government approval for a grant funding package to allow formal contracts to be signed. The Metrolink system involves

trams running on old rail track. The extension is expected to bring £60m of benefus to the local area and reduce car journeys by around one million a year.

The prison project at Lowdham Grange, eight miles east of Nottingham, is the third to be hull and run under the PFI and will house 5(0) category B inmates. The consortium that will operate the new jail. Premier Prison Services, is made up of Serco and Wackenhut Corrections (UK). It has been awarded a 25-year contract.

The campus-style prison, due to open in 1998, will also feature a workshop complex, two housucational complex.

Unilever set to clean up in developing markets

Stodge has always been the word which sums up Unilever. and that is not just a reference to the food and detergent group's Cornetto ice creams or Birds Eye fish fingers.

Unilever's bureaucratic, Anlo-Dutch construction has, ike Shell in the oil husiness, traditionally led to solid hut unexciting returns for investors. Indeed, its shares have underperformed the rest of the market by nearly 10 per cent since the start of 1995, even after vesterday's 71.5p bounce in the price to 1,346.5p.

But things could be about to change. Analysts were pleasantly surprised by yesterday's 5 per cent rise in third-quarter pre-tax profits to £826m. Although that fed into an apparently pedestrian 2 per cent increase to £1.95bn in the nine months to September, the fig- and personal products group, ures came in at the top end of

expectations. What wrong-footed ob-servers was a much lower-thanexpected £32m exceptional charge and resilience in the face of a weak European ice-cream market, where Unilever is the market leader. Analysis reckon the profits impact was around £50m, but the group held market share.

Europe from 11.4 per cent 10 11.8 per cent. The businesses there, contributing 55 per cent of total operating profits, re-main the hackbone of the group and efforts to jazz up the performance appear to be havmg some effect. The frozen food business, restructured after the arrival of new management in 1994, saw margins and profits move forward, despite some residual effects from the BSE scare. The detergents opcration also now seems to be

Persil Power débacle. The figures were given a leg-up by this year's acquisitions, particularly in North America. Diversey, a maker of industrial cleaning products. and Helene Curtis, a shampoos added 11 points to the 18 per cent sales rise notched up by the North American division. But most of the rest of the increase was accounted for by encouragingly higher volumes and level profits were only

bouncing back after last year's

scents from Calvin Klein and Elizabeth Arden. Too much should not be read into one quarter's fig-

held back by the launch of new

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market all this year, the un-derlying trends in the core businesses at last look positive. Longer term, there is still plenty to go for at Unilever. Developing markets continue to storm ahead as the burgeoning middle classes demand Western consumer products. Thus sales growth put at 15 per cent in Brazil was fuelled by personal care and detergents.

ures, but after disappointing the while India, China, Indonesia and the Philippines continue to be star performers.

The key to unlocking this value will depend on the management shake-up heing instituted by Niall Fitzgerald, the new chairman of the British end of Unilever. If that results in a more performance-orientated culture at the group, the shares should start to reversetheir underperfor-

UNILEVER: AT A GLANCE Market value: £11bn, share price £13.465

Trading record 1994 1995 1995 1996 Full year 9 months Share price

to £2.75hn next year, would put the shares on a forward multi-ple of 15. This is one to lock as originally scheduled. The in-

New doubts over Senior

company which has in the past failed to live up to expectations. Its reputation for taking two of them trying to reduce the price steps forward and one step back His confidence is not shared will be reinforced by yesterday's by the stock market, which news that the £28.3m sale of the marked Senior's shares down 7p struggling Thermal Engineering 10 1145p yesterday. Thermal business has been delayed.

posal in October, quickly followed have caused Senior to warn that up by news that Andrew Parrish. the forecast profit from the busia director of Williams Holdings, ness has been cut by £1m. It rewas filling the chief executive's mains to be seen whether the post after an eight-month va- important pre-Christmas repair cancy, was seen as marking a re-contracts from US utilities have vival in the group's fortunes. But been deferred, or cancelled at the very least, this new delay completely. puts a question mark over that.

UK industrial boiler husiness shares look unattractive.

mance. In the meantime, prol- and the failure to win the exits of £2.55hn this year, rising pected level of repair work in the US for its mahility to complete tention now is for the sale to go

through by 20 December. Terry Carthwaite. Senior's finance director, says the buyers remain committed to Thermal Engineering pointing out that the large debts being taken on in the MBO make its finances partic Senior Engineering is another ularly sensitive to changes in the performance of the husiness. He insists that there is no sense

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Engineering lost £237,000 in the The announcement of the dis-first half and the latest problems

uts a question mark over that. Assuming flat profits of £22m
Senior is selling Thermal Enthis year from Senior, the share gineering to Thermal Engineer- price, standing on 22 times foring Corporation, a highly geared ward earnings, leaves little room management buyout vehicle. The group blames higher costs in the gestions of a bid from TI, the

America tightens its stranglehold on British utilities

FTSE 100 3910.8 +10.4 **FTSE 250** 4395.6 +1.3 independent power groups. As US group CE Electric took **FTSE 350** 1953.4 +4.2 its stake in target Northern Electric to 29.45 per cent, ru-**SEAQ VOLUME** mours began to surface that a 768.2m shares. transatlantic battle could

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emerge for East Midlands Electricity. It seems many of the speculators who some weeks ago identified East Midlands as the likely US takeover fodder were more than a little surprised when Dominion Resources revealed it might make a bid at

a decidedly ungenerous 608p They had been expecting another predator to appear - a company called CMS Energy.

operating in Michigan. It is unclear whether Dominion has achieved a pre-emplive strike and CMS will look elsewhere. Although East changed, up 1p at 593.5p, there

American interest continues to remains a strong body of opin-develop in Britain's remaining ion that CMS will continue the chase, offering around 700p a share, probably on Tuesday. CE Electric's buying left Northern down 18p to 605.5p.

Waters remained firm, partly on bid hopes. Thames led the way with an 8p gain to 561.5p. The rest of the stock market failed to hold its full early promise. New York's overnight record provoked early excitement but at the close Footsie

was struggling to hang on to a 10.4-point gain at 3,910.8. Worries about interest rates, sterling's strength and the unease in the government stocks market contributed to the cau-Volume was again thin with

the second half of the 110 million tax-effective bed-andbreakfast deal in British Gas inflating the day's total to 768.2 million.



MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN

stock market reporter of the year Thursday's referral to the Mo-

nopolies and Mergers Com-mission. With Nat West companied by a share buy back or special dividend. In n Securities categorising the remarkable move Lehman shares as a hold the price Brothers has acquired ADRs, moved up 18.5p to 670p. A year amounting to nearly 4.8 per ago the shares were 309p. cent of the group. British Biotech gamed 16.5p

Allied Domecq, with figures on Tuesday, rose 8.5p to 484.5p on hopes the chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, will provide details of the retailing and spirits demerger.
Unflever, the Anglo-Dutch giant, achieved its best gain for a long while, leading other blue

chips with a 71.5p gain to 1,346.5p following results. Airtours, the holidays group.

managed to claw back some of

Cortecs International rose 9.5p to 205p ahead of a ru-

to 230p as long-time fan Ian

White, analyst at Robert Flem-

ing Securities, described the

shares as a "strong buy". He

believes the market has mis-

interpreted the recent data on

its Marimastat cancer drug

and expects favourable news

soon on Lexipafant, a pancre-

3.5p to 103p as its rights issue attracted an 81.8 per cent takeup. Stockbroker Panmure Gordon placed the rump. The £11.1m cash call was to help fund the takeover of Lumac, a microbial testing firm.

Senior Engineering lost 7p to 114.5p after it emerged that its £28m disposal of its thermal engineering company had not been completed. The group re-mains hopeful the deal will go

Frost, the petrol retailer, added 3.5p to 146p, its highest since April. With the petrol forecourt price war fading rapidly the group's prospects are being upgraded and there is talk one house, thought to be Kleinwort Benson, has put a 175p target on the shares.

Enterprise Oil fared well in strong oil sector, gaining 14.5p to 546.5p as Goldman Sachs took a fancy to the

11p at 645p, enjoyed Salomon Brothers backing. Tulkow Oil rose 6p to 83p, largely on

takeover speculation. Reliance, the security group, crashed 60p to 120p following a profit warning; Roxboro, the electrical components business, fused, falling 79.5p to 123p as it issued another prof-

Waverley Mining Finance added 5.5p to 64.5p on the Williams de Broe support.

Jarvis, the construction and rail maintenance group, advanced a further 5.5p to 131.5p and Hansom, the taxi firm, reversed 7p to 10.5p after announcing a £1.58m placing

and open offer at 5.5p.

Chelses Village had an erratic session, scoring a 9p gain to 105.5p. Scrappy selling low-ered Brown & Jackson, the Poundstretcher chain, 4p to 12.5p. Beaufort, a business services group, held at 4p against

TAKING STOCK Middlesex Holdings, the

metals group, stuck at 6.25p, its year's low. Lord Owen, the former politician who became chairman a year ago, has doubled his shareholding to 2 million shares, paying 6.125p. The company operates mainly in Russia, where its chief executive and largest

shareholder, Masoud Alikhani, has established close business links. Its activities also spread over coal, gold and oil.

year's high with a 4.5p gain to 67p. There are whispers of bid action with some discreet but determined buying.

☐ Psion's range of hand-held computers are a "stunning success", says Merrill Lynch, forecasting a £5m profits gain to £15.7m. The shares were little changed at 416.5p.

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moured research update and shares. British Petroleum, up 171p ahead of Monday's inthe altitude lost following Thursday's 3p placing. The independent index Sterling Retes 04
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Eales shoulders a heavy burden

oh Andrew could almost smell the try-line. Ten more metres, 12 per-haps, and the 1991 World Cup might well be England's. But that match of Thinks that match at Twickenham, tight as a tourniquet from start to finish, had been notable for the ferocity of its tackling, and when a tall, lean figure emerged from the surrounding chaos to haul down the outside-half a few feet from glory, the whole of Australia knew that the Poms had played their last card. --

Had the tackler heen Tim Horan or Jason Little, Simon Poidevin or Willie Ofahengaue, the adulation would have been generous, but routine. This. though, was someone different; this was John Eales, an amazingly gifted and stunningly ath-letic second-row forward, but a second-row forward all the same. Second-rows were put on this earth to win line-out's and scrummage their opponents into oblivion, not make World Cupwinning tackles in open field. Those who had seeo the

Queenslander's dehut against Wales on home turf at Ballymore earlier that season might have anticipated liberal amounts of jam on the traditional boilerhouse bread. At 21, an age wheo most northern hemisphere locks are still considered to be in nappies, Eales pocketed the key to the door of international rugby by displaying the full range of his skills – the running, the hallhandling, the cover tackling, the set-piece expertise, even the kicking - in a 63-6 victory of murderous proportions. Those who missed it soon picked up messages from the bush telegraph

that the Wallabies had unearthed someone special. Five years and one careerthreatening shoulder mjury later, the most accomplished tight forward in the world is captain of his country. Given the fact that Eales has spread his gifts far and wide since breaking through at the top level, it is surprising that today's international with Scotland marks his first appearance at Murrayfield, one of the venues that cap-

tured his imagination as a child. His relish at the prospect is obvious from the moment he

Chris Hewett spoke to Australia's new captain, who enters new territory today

oow this - but if you're finding it a drag to be playing Scotland at Murrayfield, there really must be something wrong. It should be a wonderful occasion for everyone in the Wallaby

Yet the feel-good factor sits uneasily alongside this particu-lar Australian side, struggling as they are to create a new line-up from the ashes of last year's World Cup campaign and an uncomfortable ride through a Tri-Nations competition utterly dominated by New Zealand. Wit. Michael Lynagh playing for his pension at Saraceus, Phil

'I was given the job because of who I was, sc that should be enough'

Kearns on the long-term injury list, Willy O falling apart at the seams and David Campese, high priest of rugby adventure, publicly defrocked and confined to the bench for this afternoon's match. Eales has a heavy load to bear.

Is he up to the job? Not in a playing sense - Eales would walk blindfold into any side in the world - but as a leader of men? Kearns, his predecessor as Wallaby captain, registered the doubts of many when he said: "I'm not quite sure about him yet. I don't think he is a natural captain, although the guys have enormous respect for his ability and that helps. It's just that as skipper you have to make some hard and unpopular decisions and, on occasions, get stuck into blokes. I don't think that's John, but maybe it will come.

Eales, so profoundly bashful and self-effacing that it is almost

"Look, I didn't greatly expect to be made captain, although like every other player I'd half-fantasised about leading my country at some point. But it's no big problem, I try to adjust to each different situation in a way that suits my personality. There is no point at all in trying to be someone you're oot; I figure that I was given the job because of who I was, so that should be enough."

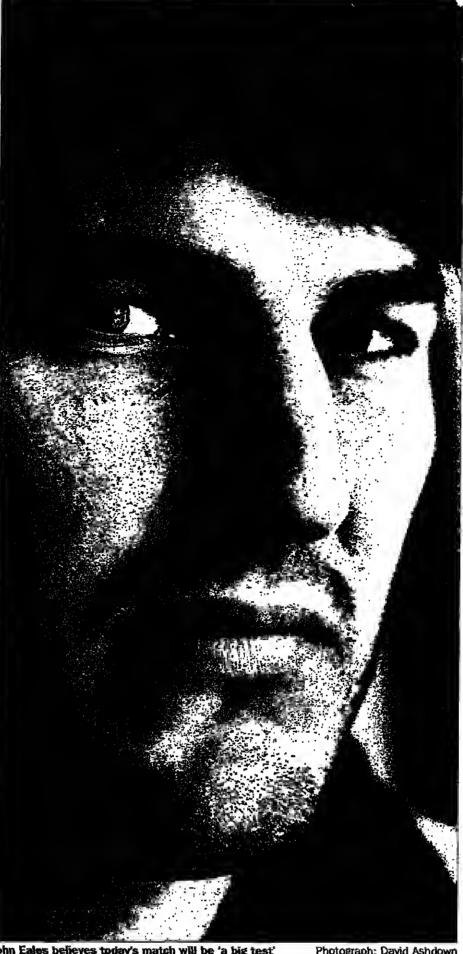
Anyway, there is a strong seam of solid realism beneath the layers of modesty. Eales is under no illusions about Australia's place in the world peck-ing order - he puts his Wallabies no higher than fifth - and as a result, he is deeply wary of the Scots, whom he considers to be a genuine danger to his touring party's designs on a Celtic Triple Crown.

"The World Cup last year was very disappointing" - the word "disappointing" is at the extreme edge of Eales' vocabulary - "because we felt we had a side good enough to win the tournament, only to find ourselves failing to perform when it really nattered. Right now, we are very ciously in a rebuilding stage

in the light of retirement and injuries, and to he honest, I couldn't place us in the top four. The last time we played England, we lost; the last time we went to France, they held us one-all. To rise up the rankings we need continuity of performance and, above all, we oeed results. "On paper, we've got a fairly

inexperienced front row, al-though I must say that Richard Harry played the game of his life in Glasgow last weekend. And while our back division has tons of ability, the Scots are very exciting in that department, too. Gregor Townseod can be deadly - he plays with real hrains - and we all know the things of which Craig Chalmers and Gary Armstrong are capable. It's a big test for us."

Aussie captains down the ages have tried to full opponents into a false sense of security by buttering them up before the kick-off. Eales is more honestto-goodness than many of his predecessors, but if the Scots take his words at face value and opens his mouth. "It's been a impossible to imagine him los- walk out at Murrayfield too



John Eales believes today's match will be 'a big test'

Photograph: David Ashdown

king, hard grind over the last few ing his rag on the pitch, let alone confident by half, they will live months—Super-12, Tri-Nations, off it, is alive to the debate. Llanelli's Paul Jones given two-year ban for drug misuse

Paul Jones, the Llanelli second-man, said: "We are very sad to circumstances of the case and racked my brain and I still can't rower and Wales A internawo years after being found guilty by the Welsh Rugby Union of drug misuse.

Jones told an WRU inquiry that he had injected testosterone in order to rehabilitate a shoulder injury after surgery. Terry Vaux, the inquiry chair-

be part of this unfortunate matter. This is only the second time ever that a case of intentional use of a banned substance has come before the WRU. We felt that Paul Jones had erred and his punishment reflects the serious view the WRU takes in

this case. "However, given the special

Paul Jones' genuine remorse, the two-year suspension was backdated to 16 August, 1996, the day Paul Jones advised his club medical officer of his mis-

demeanour." Meanwhile, Brian Ashton has not stopped scratching his head from the moment England dropped Jeremy Guscott. "Tve

come up with a reason," Ashton, Guscott's coach at Bath,

"This season, Jerry has never played better. He is relishing the extra time and space offered by the new laws, and coupled with a professional attitude, looks completely at ease with

has escaped my attention." Ashton helieves Guscott, who has won 43 caps, will produce something special wheo Bath visit Northampton today

in one of only three Courage League match.

"Bearing in mind this week's Sleightholme and Ade.
Adebayo – for company.

"On current form, if there's events, Jerry will want to go out a better centre anywhere in the and show England they've made northern hemisphere, then he a mistake. I suspect their deci-

sion has hit him hard." Guscott teams up with the new England captain, Phil de Glanville, at Franklin's Gardens, with three more England hacks - Mike Catt, Jon Sleightholme and Adedayo

Scots wary of battered **Australians**

Rugby Union Correspondent

Britain's shopkeepers take the view that the festive rush starts in the middle of autumn. They probably got the idea from Scotand, who have handed out so many early Christmas presents to southern hemisphere touring sides in recent years that they night as well have been coached by Santa himself. The last time the Scots won

a November international at Murrayfield was in their Grand Slam year of 1990 when Tony Stanger, Gary Armstroog and Craig Chalmers shared four of the nine tries registered in a 49-3 stroll past Argentina. While all three are back to face Australia this afternoon, they will be more mindful of the subsequent howlers against New Zealand, South Africa and Western Samoa than any satisfaction they may have derived from outclassing the Pumas. Scotland's hopes of beating

the Wallabies for the first time in 14 years are hased on two assumptions: first, that the tourists have lost so many class players and are so exhausted after an epic summer at both provincial and Test level that they will be in no condition to raise a gallop; and, secondly, that the home forwards' exposure to high-quality competition through the European Cup will render them more resistant to the rigours of an early-season international.

Neither theory is completely without foundation, although the Scots are ooce again living more in hope than expectatioo. The lourists have indeed shed vast quantities of priceless experience since losing their world title in South Africa 17 months ago, and their cause today has hardly been helped by an almost contagious rash of breaks and strains to various finely-muscled limbs. Three of the current party will sooo be oo the plane home - indeed, Adam Magro's foot injory means they oow need a replacement for a replacement - but at least they lasted longer than Garrick Morgan, the hulking rough diamond of a lock who failed to survive the first 10 seconds of last month's Test in Italy.

It is also true to say that the Scottish pack might show more staying power than Frank Bruno on this occasion. Five of them are playing hard stuff week in. week out, in England and of the others, Murray Wallace will enter the fray with the kind of fury that befits any new cap while the hooker, Kevin McKenzie, should be like a greyhouod out of the traps. After all, he has played only twice all season.

There were few smiles among the tourists yesterday and Greg Smith, their coach, was intent on keeping it that way after a week of slatings from his rivals back home. "If we win, the critics will disappear for a while, go back to wherever they came from "he said. "If we lose, they'll be out there, throwing rocks at us." The tone of his voice did not suggest that he had even contemplated the second scenario.

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Smith's decision to drop David Campese to the bench is by no means a gamble, far less a panic measure. Joe Roff, the new left wing, was good enough to score four tries against the parsimonious Springbok James Small in one Super-12 match last March - four more that is, than Jonah Lomu managed in the World Cup final - and with Matt Burke and Tim Horan, he forms a back three of rich attacking potential.

The Scots will he hard ressed to handle the back five of the Wallaby pack, too, where John Eales and Warwick Waugh should provide a secure platform from which to launch the heavy artillery personified by Owen Finegan and a seriously impressive specimen of a No 8, the Tongan-born Daniel Manu. He is nothing to worry about really, just a bigger version of Willie Ofahengaue.

Nooe of that appeared to worry Gregor Townsend, the new Scottish captain, as his men trotted through their final training session in Livingston yesterday. "Although we came close to a Grand Slam last season, we didn't really fulfil our ambitions," he said. "All the Five Nations' Championship did was to give us something to huild on and now we oeed to concentrate on making the most of the chances we create - and, yes, I expect us to keep on creating those opportunities against the Wallabies."

Today's match will be the first international in which coaches can use tactical substitutes. Uofortunately, for the Scots, they have been unable to talk Gavin Hastings, David Sole, John Jeffrey and Finlay Calder into a tour of duty oo the bench.

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Tufnell turns new leaf

Phil Tufnell, the Middlesex spinner who has been recalled for England's tour to Zimbabwe. and New Zealand, has promised to cut out the tantrums which have marred past trips abroad. The slow left-arm bowler

took time out from England's training week in Portugal to say: 'I intend to learn from my mistakes. I will have a different approach this winter as I accept I have been a bit naïve in the past.
"I don't believe I have ever let England down on the field but have let people down a bit off it. Tufnell added. "My aim in

habwe and New Zealand is winter is to approach everything a bit more professionally."
Tufnell, 30, impressed Middlesex officials last summer with his maturity - he revelled in extra responsibility following the departure of John Emburey to Northamptonshire. Emburey is now assistant coach on England's tour this winter and the former England off-spinner will be a key figure in Tufnell's international

sence from Test cricket. "I believe I am a better bowler now than a couple of years ago," Tufnell said. "I am more experienced and that counts for a lot as a slow bowler."

return after a 20-month ab-

England A battled back from a disastrous start to their fourday match with Sonth Australia at the Adelaide Oval yesterday with determined mid-

dle and late-order batting. After winning the toss and deciding to bat, the tourists recovered from 46 for 4 to reach 232 for 9 at the close, after the pace bowler Mark Harrity, who has just returned from Australia's troubled trip to India, claimed 4 for 61.

Mark Butcher and Craig White began the fightback with a 108-run fifth-wicket stand to save England from a first-day collapse against the Sheffield Shield holders. White fell for 61 while Butcher was dismissed for 73 - both after poor shots.

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Smith adds to crew for Whitbread Sailing

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The complexity of Lawrie Smith's assault on the Whitbread Round the World Race, which starts next year, was made evident vesterday when he announced four new British crew members for the male-crewed EF Education in Brighton.

Gordon Maguire will be a watch leader alongside the Swede Magnus Olsson, with Neal McDonald, a former International 14 world champion. and Adrian Stead, an Olympian in 1992 and '96, beefing up the squad of six top helmsmen. Steve Havles, navigator last time on Dolphin & Youth, also joins, his role yet to be decided. The two existing boats, Intrum Justitia and Galicia, have been

modified while two new craft, designed by Bruce Farr, are under construction in Sweden and will be completed over the winter. The Grand Mistral round the world race, postponed from September 1996 to 1997, is now unlikely to clash with the

Whithread. By 25 votes to 10, the council of the International Sailing Federation yesterday quashed all resistance to change in the Olympic line-up for the 2000 Games. The governing body endorsed the removal of the only two-man keel boat, the Star, and sealed the elevation of the 49er skiff to Olympic competition.

The president, Paul Henderson, pushed the other nine classes - Mistral boards, 470 dinghies, Laser, Europe, Finn, Tornado and Soling - through on that single vote, leaving any hopes that the Star class could be saved after 14 Olympics, or the Hobie cat introduced for the first time, dead in the water.

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Dangerous game for Holyfield

Tonight's world heavyweight title fight should end quickly, writes Ken Jones in Las Vegas

since being released from prison last year and tonight's defence of the World Boxing Association heavyweight championship against Evander Holy-field at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas is that his opponent has been receiving equal, if some-what morbid, attention.

This is partly because of the edge Holyfield held in the betting five years ago when Tyson was due to challenge him for the undisputed title. A rih injury caused Tyson to withdraw, but before the contest could be rearranged, he was indicted on a rape charge. They could have fought before Tyson went for trial, hut Holyfield, a God-fearing man, refused to entertain him.

Time changes most things and now Holyfield, at 34 a long-odds outsider, is thought to be taking a terrible chance with his future well-being. Required tests at the Mayo Clinin Minnesota proved Holyfield to be physically sound. hut going in with the one of the most devastating punchers in heavyweight history causes people to doubt his sanity.

Although boxing has frequently defeated the process of logic, a widespread point of view, and one I share, is that the challenger will last only as long is takes Tyson to draw a bead on him. Three rounds maximum,

hig difference between the four contests Mike Tyson has undertaken since being released from ber of the Nevada State Athletic Commission's medical panel is said to have disassociated himself from sanctioning it.

Bearing this in mind, it may he significant that the choice of referee has fallen not on one of Nevada's two leading officials, Richard Steele and Mills Lane, but Mitch Halpern, a 29-yearold who comes fresh to a world championship in the heavy-

It is considered important that Halpern took charge of a contest for the World Boxing Council junior-lightweight championship in May last year, when Jimmy Garcia slipped into a coma after an eighth-rouod stoppage by Gahriel Ruelas, and later died. Since Halpern admits to being still traumatised by the experience, and contests under WBA rules are automatically terminated if a fighter goes down three times in one round. Holyfield appears safe from the extent of his spirit.

Not though from the pre-dictable immediacy of Tyson's vi-olent attacking. Emanuel Steward, who worked with Holyfield and now trains Lennox Lewis, said; "It's impossible to make out a case for Evander, but if he can stand up to Tysoo's punches and get in a few of his own it could be interesting.

"The four guys Tyson has fought since coming hack Where it would have been haven't been able to lay a glove vantage of Tyson's ravaged con-difficult to arrive at a conclusion on him. Peter McNeeley dition, Douglas got his punches take. Instead of trying to



shouldn't have been in there, off first, made good use of a stiff duplicate Buster Douglas, they

Buster Mathis simply covered up. Frank Bruno was petrified, Bruce Seldon hrought nothing. Evander will bring all the guts in the world and he's still capable of burting Tyson. Anything can happen when heavyweights are in the ring, so you can't write him off completely." One way of beating Tyson involves a column of motorised infantry. James "Buster" Douglas found another when inflicting

left jab, moved just enough, then got in solid rights to the head. Douglas (inactive since slowenly preparation cost him the undisputed title in a first defence against Holyfield), who is being brought back by the Las Vegas promoter Boh Arum, said: "I was firing hard against Tyson. My mother had just died and I said: 'Screw it'. You can't get caught up in all that Tyson hype. "He's a normal man. He's just

the only hlemish on Tyson's built up to he supernatural. That's where most of his opprofessional record. Taking ad-

should enhance their own style. Don't get out of your own element if you see someone throw a punch in a different way. When I went in against Tyson, I worked on what I did best."

The hest advice Douglas thinks he can offer Holyfield is to work off his jab. "Tyson has shown that he can take a good shot so one punch won't do it. You have to sustain the effort. wait for the storm to blow itself out. This fight interests me because there are a lot of questions to he answered. Tyson really lower part of his jaw and feints a knock-out punch. What con-said it with a smile that made you hasn't been tested. He hasn't lost with his head advancing to the cerns me is that if Holyfield goes fear for the man from Atlanta.

his hand speed. Evander can box, but he's got a short fuse. He wants to rumble. I think we're going to see a fight." From the doyen of boxing

trainers, the 85-year-old Eddie Futch who prepared Riddick Bowe for three contests against Holyfield, you get a more de-tailed analysis. "To get through the early rounds, Evander has to do what works best for him and that's punch from the centre of the ring. I've noticed that after five or six rounds, Tyson brings his hands down to the target. He tries to get you on the ropes without exposing himself too much. Mathis made him miss wildly, hut so far there hasn't been anybody to give Tyson an argument about his reflexes, so I'm curious to know how he would handle the situation if Holyfield can take him to the later rounds.

"But I'm afraid Evander isn't the same fighter. He looked bad in his last contest against Bobby Cznz and you have to think that Tyson's reflexes are still good enough to catch him with a knock-out punch. What con-

out there in kamikaze fashion. he's going to be dealing with the quickest heavyweight around to day and he will be right where Tyson can find him.

Tyson was so related at a press conference on Thursday that it looked as though he slept through Don King's latest attempt at a time record in oration. In contrast to the tasteless demeaning of Holyfield by one of his co-managers, Rory Holloway, he referred to the challenger as a beautiful fighter. "But I'm better," Tyson added, He said it with a smile that made you

Benn determined to prevent demise of the 'Dark Destroyer'

GLYN LEACH

reports from Manchester

Nigel Benn sometimes speaks with a forked tongue: tonight he ends his second retirement this year, once more to challenge Steve Collins, the World Boxing Organisation super-middieweight champion. four months after a twisted ankle

when he claims Collins has relit the fire within Britain's most consistently exciting fighter of the last decade? If not, the 20,000plus crowd at the Nynex Arena. Manchester, will witness the demise of the "Dark Destroyer".

The rematch headlines Frank Warren's lavish promotion which also features the Sheffield showman, Nascem Harned, and curtailed their first encounter. Manchester's Ensley Bingham

Should Benn be helieved in WBO title fights - the first bill hen he claims Collins has re- ever to boost three world title contests each featuring a British participant. The Manchester card is a free hors d'ocuvre to wet appetites for Sky Sports' secood venture into pay-per-view television later this evening, when Mike Tyson headlines Don King's Las Vegas show featuring three world heavyweight title fights - another first for the

Hamed's incredible popularity ensures the Manchester promotioo box-office success, while the British light-middle champion Bingham's challenge to Ronald "Winky" Wright provides local interest. But the super-middleweight (12 stone) fight captures the imagination.

The unsatisfactory fourround ending to Fight One also at this veoue - hinted that Warren-King promoting team. Bean's seemingly inexhaustible tory suggests this is Benn's kind

capability had run dry. Collins, an unfashionable late entrant to the memorable series of battles featuring Michael Watson, Chris Eubank, Benn and himself, finished as the top dog.

The Dubliner, 32, should prove too strong, too hungry for Benn, also 32, at this stage in his arduous career. Collins' 36 fights (33 wins, three losses) have been less draining. But his-

been against bim in 47 previous contests (42 wins, four losses, one draw with 35 knock-outs) Benn invariably has delivered.

Benn has lost his last two -Sugar Boy Malinga taking his WBC championship eight months ago - and realises defeat tonight leaves no way back. Under the circumstances, only the rash would bet against him.

If his desire is all he promises,

12 hard-fought rounds, setting up a third fight with the Irishman. If not, Collins can claim his 18th KO:victim.

While 23-year-old Hamed is unbeaten in 23 fights (with 21 KOs), his last two performances have been disappointing by his own lofty standards. Floored for the first time before stopping Daniel Alicea, struggling before Manuel Medina's ions of recent times.

of fight. When the odds have Benn can win a decision after retirement, Hamed needs a convincing win over Argentina's Remigio Molina tonight.

Florida's Wright, the WBO light-middleweight champion has been beaten just once in 36 fights - hut the 33-year-old challenger Bingham (16-6) is a vicious left hooker and landing his pet punch with regularity could make him one of Britain's more surprising world champ-

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1.00 King Pin 1.30 Solomon's Dancer 2.05 Tallywagger 2.40 Royal Vacation 3.10 Thornton Gate 3.45 Charming Gale

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RACING RESULTS DONGASTER

1.00: 1. HANDSOME REDGE (I Carroll 20-1: 2. Nacts Chord 7-1: 3. Bind Baladoe 11-4 fav. 20 ran. 1, hd. (J Gosden, Newmarket). Tate: £43.10; £13.00, £3.80, £1.50. DF: £121.50. CSF: £173.28. Tno:

1.30: 1. SOVIET STATE (1 Rold) 6-5 fav; Nor-Do-I 33-1; 3. Wild Sky 20-1. 17 ran. 3, 1%, (P Chapple-Hyern, Marston), Tota: £2.10; £1.10, £15.20, £5.80, DF; £48.30, #21.0; £1.10, £1.15, 20, £5.80, DF; £48.30, CSF; £54.55, Trio: £353.10 - pert won. Pool of £452.65 carried forward to Dorrosster 3.30 today, NR; See Ya Maste.

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Newmarkoll, Totes £3.10; £1.10, £1.80,
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2.00: 1. MYRMEDON (I. Detroit) 7-1; 2. Right 25-1; 3. Royal Stackbird 7-2 fev. 13 rata. 3, 1. U Dunlop, Arundel). Total: £1.90: £3-10. £8.30. £1.80. DF: £122,60. CSF: £147.05. Tricest: £678.56. Tric: £420.60. 3.30: 1. CATHENUS (K Darley) 5-2; 2, Sun-

beam Dance 7-1; 3. Kelser Kache 7-1. 6 ran. 5-6 fav Bold Demand. Hd. 6. (M Stoute, mariet). Total £2.70; £1.70, £2.70. DF: £9.70. CSF: £18.40. 4.00: 1. High DOMAIN (I Weaver) 20-1; 2. Chadwell Half 20-1; 3. Ninescres 20-1. 4. Spender 16-1, 22 ran. 6-1 n-fats Fame Again (5th), Gone Savage, Hd, nk, U Spearing, Alcester), Total: £25.70; £6.30, £5.60, £3.30, £4.70. DF: £271.90. CSF: £355.60. Tricest: £7,267,46. Tho: £2,375,20 - part won. Pool of £2,074.18 carried forward to Doncastre 3.30 today.

st: £7,100,00 - part won. Pool of £4,851.60 carried forward to Doncaster toot: £26.70. Quadpot: £10.70. Place 6: £80,26. Place 5: £27,85.

UTTOKETER 1.10: 1. GENERAL MOUNTAR (A P Mc-Copt 4.1.2. Victoria Day 16-1; 3. Pro's Pro-fice 12-1. 16 ma. 9-4 fas Sovereign Gnt. 7, %. (M Pipe, Wellington). Totas: £4-10: £1-50, £4-50, £4-10. DF: £40-50. CSF: £68.15. Tho: £86.20.

1.40: 1.ALVIOUS GREENER IS CUTTEN 11. 2: Z. Desgonsist 9-4 for; 3. Le Baron 3-1. 13 ran, Ns. 14. U Mulling, Andorst, Totac 58.10: £2.30, £1.30, £1.90, DF: £13.20, CSF: £19.05, Trice £10.10.

2.10: 1. MICHERADO (R Johnson) 4-1; 2. Broni 3-1 fev; 3. Desert Brave (6-1, 10 ran. 4, 4. (\$ Brookshaw, Urington). Tete: 63.90: £140. £2.00. £3.40. DP: £5.90. CSP: £15.59. Tricast: £157.07. Toto: £95.70. 2.40: 1. BASSENHALLV (R Morley) 13-2; 2. Ragmanuffin Roomeo 9-4 fev; 3. Praesia 3-1.9 rao. 1¼, 7. (Mrs. P.S.), Peterborough). Toto: £7.00: £2.00. £1.10. £2.40. DP: £15.80. CSP: £20.75. Tricast: £109.96. Toto: £23.70.

2. Flanking Miracle 33-1; 3. Soutieb Bane-bi 10-1. 7 ran. 6, 3½. (O Nicholson, Dim-ple Guting). Tota: £1.50; £1.50, £3.2 DF: £12.50. CSF: £13.96. £12.50. CSF: £13.96.
3.40: 1. DEYMAR & Durwood/ 3.40: High Grade 10-1; 2. Plantare 15-8 fe/: 8 rul. Nr. 4. (D Gandolfo, Wentage), Tols. £3.40; £1.50, £3.90. DF: £35.90, CSP. £26.47. 4.10: 1. ELBURG (M A Rizgerold) 14-1;

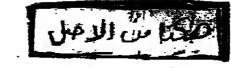
2. Bollindon 4-1; 3: Mr Flutts 12-1, 12 mm. 9-4 fav Apaches Flower, 10, 6, (7 George, Shoud), Tote: £10,60; £2,70, £2,00, £5,00: Strough, Total: £10,60; £2,70, £2 DF: £25,40, CSF: £69,37, Trigge Tho: £262,00, NR: Rosie-B. Place 6: £67.15. Place 5: £13.87.

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(6 Cimbor). 16 Ces: £8.40; £2.40, £1.60. Dr. £6.00. £5. £37.43. 1.50: 1. BECGARS BANQUET (B Gratian) 10-11 fay; 2. Paperising 6-4; 3. The Next Watts 9-1. 9 ran. 1/4, 20. (P Beaumont, Yest. £1.80; £1.00, £2.00, £3.40. Dr. £1.70. £87. £2.76. Tro: £8.30. NR: Chut Gale. After stave and control planner existence.

£2.76. Tro; £8.30. NR; Churf Gele. After strends' inquiry, placings unaltered.
£20: 1. GEMS LAD (Pichard Guest) 7-1;
2. Commandeer 6-1;
3. Parntaru Prince 5-2 fav. 8 ran. 9, 3½. (Mrs. 8 Smith), Telsc. £8.90;
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Allegan Minetral 33-1;
3. Archarticture 5-1.12 ran. 3, 10. (G Richards), Tolop. £4.90;

3.50: 1. APOLLO'S DAUGHTER (A Dob-bin) 6-1: 2. Pengleran 2-1 far; 3. Tietae 6-1.7 ran. 2¼, 3. Il Goulding, Tote: £23.00: £3.90, £3.10. DF: £26.60. CSF: £20.87. Place & £12.31. Place 5: £6.32.



15th worse in our with blinkers on) after employing such factors of Kempton and again had to play second fiddle to Go Ballistic of Asion List week. The handicapper may have his measure at present. Samilee returns to chasing after two wins over hurdes. He is on the same mark as when he won a nowce chase at Unovertiend Caster and is fighting fit. The consistent (Despot may find his stamma stretched by the likely pace over this trip, with Rain Dip The Flag a better prospect.

3.45 TANGLEFOOT ELITE HURDLE (CLASS A) (Grade 2) £20,000 added 2m Penalty Value £12,860

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BETTING: 7-4 Mistinguett, 7-2 Hops And Pops, 4-1 Estimo Nel, 6-1 Dreams End, 7-1 Space Tracker, 8-1 Ground Net, 12-1 others

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There is never any horizing around when Hops And Pops is in the race and a strong pace will suit, the trish challenger SPACE TRUCKER, who gets two miles on the Fist. A 7th pust helped Space Trucker reverse Galway Hundle form with Mystical City at Usrowel last time and he is developing into a useful hundler. Dreams End was seven rengits behind in the Galway Hundle and is helped by 8 7th pull. He has been remaing well on the Fist and has to be respected offer his strong furshing fourth over a worfully madequate mile at Nevimarket last Saturday. Estation Net had a nice pipe-opener on the Fist 11 days ago, her first outing me May. She was a progressive mane over hundles lost season end just missed out on a nour-timer when beaten a short nead by Chief's Song at Sandown last December. That recent Fist run will have set her up rucely for this and she looks the one to beat at the weights. Mistinguett, represents the best of last, season's juvendes, howing been awarded second behind Paddy's Return in the Trumph Hundle after Magical Lady was ousted for interference. Whether fixtured by her detect of Paddy's Return at Newhorly on her return, she is capable of going close against the older prigide.

Selection: SPACE TRUCKER

4.15 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 2m Penalty Value £1,459 DANCELLYOUDROP (183) Devik Milest) Piderelli 5 11 11. Lourentes (7)
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Follow the Leader in Flat finale

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As handovers go, it is almost flawless, with only the prospect of Folkestone's irritating and awful Flat card on Monday to spoil the occasion this afternoon as the baton passes from the summer to the winter code. In spirit at least, the 1996 campaign on the level ends with the November Handicap card at Doncaster while at all points north, south and west there are meetings to remind us of what there is to look forward to on the road to Cheltenham in March. For betting-shop punters in particular, there can be few better Sat-

urday afternoons all year. While Chepstow, Wincanton, Newcastle and Uttoxeter all have much to recommend them, the first port of call for most punters this morning will be the November Handicap, which with its 24 tightly handicapped runners is no less competitive than the Lincoln Handicap which launched the season at the same course eight months ago. That race, in case anyone has forgotten, was won by a 33-1 chance, and while Kutta seems sure to start a warm favourite for today's feature at around 7-2, he has had two hard races in recent weeks and makes little appeal at

such odds. Clifton Fox, the Cambridgeshire winner, will be another popular choice, but since Jeremy Glover, his trainer, has stated that he is not sure that his runner will stay today's trip, par-ticularly on the rain-softened ground, it is difficult to back him with confidence. More interesting is Dato Star, still a maiden on the Flat proper but winner of the Festival Bumper at Cheltenham in 1995, Runner-up to Snow Princess in this race last year with the remainder well beaten, he seems sure to go close again off a 5lb higher mark.

On a simple point of value, pected strong pace. Shadow seasoo to reproduce the form which carried him into third his old ability. If so, 20-1 will look a very big price at 3.35 today.

The remainder of the Doncaster card lost some of its interest when Russian Snows won the 2.30 at Town Moor yesterday to finally decide the trainers' championship in favour of Saeed bin Suroor, and the Godolphin operation. The stayers' handicap which closes the card deserves close inspection, though, and while Orchestra Stall may start favourite, his hnge hurden will leave him open to attack from Sweetness Herself (next best 4.05), who can complete a five-timer. Key To My Heart (2.55) looks the best choice in the Seriby Stakes.

At Chepstow, Castle Sweep is one to oppose at short odds in the Tote Silver Trophy since his jumping often deteriorates un-

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Shadow Leader (Doncaster 3.30) **NB: Polly Peculiar** (Doncaster 1.20)

der pressure. JET RULES (nap 1.45), who started favourite for last season's Sun Alliance Hurdle, has everything in his favour today and can exploit the 8lb he receives from the favourite.

Newlands-General (1.15) must also go well at the Welsh course while the eagerly await-ed chase debut of See More Business should be a winning ooe, though it is unlikely to be worth betting on. The same comment applies to Coome Hill, who brings enormous promise from the hunter-chase field to Wincanton's Badger Beer Chase (3.10), but does so, infortunately, with his amateur jockey still strached. Hard To Figure, one of the best sprint handicappers of recent years, makes his hurdling debut at the age of 10 in the Elite Hurdle, but Irish raider Space Trucker (3.45) is a better bet against the

likely favourite Mistinguett. however, it is difficult to ignore a horse who returned to his best ters can enjoy the Ekbalco Hurform when winning his last race die at Newcastle while the and will be ideally suited by to- recent Cesarewitch winner Inchday's trip, going and the ex- cailloch contests a handic chase at Sandown and Jack Leader (3.30), available at 20-1 Tanner, expected to be one of this morning, has struggled this the year's best novice hurdlers, is in action at Uttoxeter. In Ireland, Danoh should stroll home. place in last year's Bessbor-ough at Royal Ascot, but his de-Naas today while Klairon feat of Polydamas at the same Davies, the Champion Chase track last month implied that winner, reappears against two ri-Charlie Egerton has rekindled vals at Leopardstown tomorrow.

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CHEPSTOW 1.15: NEWLANDS GENERAL. who ran the very lemently-hand-ipped Zeredar to threequarters of a length with the third 24 lengths away at Worcester recently, can go one better loday. Northern Soddler and Benjamin Lancaster may pose

1.45: DR LEUNT was the unluck-iest loser at the 1995 Cheltenham. Festival, passing the post in second place in the Triumph Frurdle despite losing 15 or more lengths when forced off the track early in the race. Tony McCoy did not need much be rsussion to take this mount in theference to others.

115: SEE MORE BUSINESS, who is fit and fancied, is described as a "top-class prospect" by his trainer

DONCASTER 2.25: With Diffident heavily penalised for recent successes, Russian Revival disadvantaged by being drawn on the wide outside and Croft Pool. Tadeo and Shanghai Girl possibly better suited by five furlongs. ROYALE FIGURINE, who will not be inconvenienced by the casy ground, is the bet.

2.55: EVA LUNA is a little onepoced but is better suited to this go-ing than Medsille Militaire or key To My Heart.



3.30: HEART is still a maiden but looks a typically progressive Michael Stoue-trained sort who will like the ground and stays well. Gone For A Barton and Shadow Leader have hit form at the right time and are two of many daugers while Kntta also merits respect.

4.05: Orchestra Stall was impres sive at Newmarket last time, but BOWCLIFFE COURT looks a step ahead of the handicapper. WINCANTON

3.18: COOMBE HILL, who bear Andrelot by seven lengths in an am-ateurs' handicap chase at Chel-tenham recently, has fitness on his side Carrison Savannah is not the force of old but still ran well last season and has slipped to a favourable handicap mark. He is the danger.

3.45: ESKIMO NEL, in good form on the Flat, is suited by a sharp two miles on decent ground over hur-dles and would be worse off in handicap. Impressive Newbury Mistinguett looks the chief threat.



Singspiel aims at Japan Cup

The overseas chailenge for the Japan Cup has been finalised, with Helissio, Pentire and Zagreb being joined by fellow Europeans Singspiel and Strategic Choice in the field for the £1,073,993 race on 24 Novemper. They will face Saintly, the Melbourne Cup winner, plus American raiders, Awad, Flag Down and Dernier Empereur.

HYPERION 12.20 Silverani 2.25 Royale Figurine 12.50 Zinzari 2.55 Eva Luna 3.30 Heart (nb) 1.20 Catumbella 1.50 DON SEBASTIAN (nap) 4.05 Bowceffe Court GOING: Soft STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course - inside.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-hand, pear-abaped course with 1 mile straight.

Course is E of nown off the A638 (MIB Jets 3 & 4). Bus link from Doncester Central station. ADMINSHOOM: Cub £16; Grandstand 510; Family Enclosure \$4 (under-16s free all enclosures). CAE PARK: Free. ELEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNONERS: J Goaden — 36 withers from 180 rumers gives a success ratio of 22.5% and a profit to a 51 level stake of 518.56; B BIHs — 81 witness, 159 manets, 18.5%, +545.29; H Coell — 27 winness, 106 manets, 25.7%, +512.94; B Hasmon — 24 winness, 259 rumers, 8.37%, -574.06.

ELEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery — 37 winness, 209 rudes, 17.7%, +511.43; K Darley — 37 winness, 266 cides, 12.5%, +528.28; L Detton — 35 winness, 200 rides, 17.5%, +584.4; M Bills — 32 winness, 170 rides, 18.5%, +585.97. +28.44; M. 19118 — 32 winners, 170 roses, 18.5%, +5.85.57.
VISORED PIRST TIME: Double Quick (2.25); Election Day (2.56).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Askers (3.20) won at Reden on Tuesday.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNICERS: Monaserrat (3.25) sent 240 miles by L G Courell from Duflord, Devon; Astrac (2.25) next 241 miles by Mins G Kelleway from Whitemble, Dorset. 12.20 BOC SUREFLOW MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) (DIV I) £3,700 2YO 1m Penalty Value £2,911

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	8		TADED (LA) U R Goods M Johnston 3 8 11	
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	8		CASTRANTA (21) (CD) (Latte Lane Associates) 8 Palling 5 8 9	
	10		DOLERI E QUICK (24) (The Hon E Beckett) M Jornston 4 8 8	
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It did seem as though the best ground was on the fer side yesterdays and RUSSAAN REFORMAL can with this from shall one. A son of Nureyev (size of yesterdays winner Soviet States),
Russian Rewall should not on the ground. A 2th put, plus the return to six furlongs, gives
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2	2.55	CO-OPERATIVE BANK SERLBY STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £17,000 1m 4f Pen Value £10,928	C4
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8	54000	POPPY CARREN (28) (D) (Mrs P W Harris) P Harris 488	G Duffield 1
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TYDIG: 4-1 Key To My Heart, 9-2 Election Day, 5-1 Bre Luss, Medalle Milliolin, 6-1 Kaloho, 8-1. Punishment, Poppy Carws, 12-1 others 1996: Blushing Rame 4 9 D M Hills B-1 (M Stoute) 8 ran

Pat Eddery is taking a pull with just two rides on this card. He is with the right man for this Listed race (Nichael Stoute has won the last two minings) and ELECTION DAY, who has business with the ground in his favour and in e veor for the first time. Election Day, who has a stormer on only his thard start when second to Oscar Schindler in the Omnonde of Chester, broke down on the fast ground at Royal Ascot. He then duly won the Aston Park at Ne

	_		SOUTH THE TOTAL STREET, SAME ASSOCIATION	
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	4		EXECUTIVE DESIGN (187) (BP) (LT Foster) Mrs M Revoley 489	
	5	5516-00	TORCH VERT (217) (Paul Green) N Walter 4 8 8	J Stack 7
ľ	6		LALDRON (14) (D) (Christopher P Renson) & Champon 5 8 5	
•	7	305000	NOUFARI (FR) (45) (Ed Weetman) R Hollandhead 5 8 3	F Lynch (3) 14
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	9	034033	PARADISE NAVY (9) (C) (D) (Exc Racing Cuts) C Egenon 7 6 0	R Multon (7) 15 8
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	13	420624	SHIRLEY SUE (33) (D) (Greenland Park Ltd) M Johnston 3 7 10	
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4.05 COALITE DRAGON HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000

added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £7,830

bery. Top-class handicages Sheer Danzig will give a big boost to Better Offer in the November if he wins this. Second to the Harwood gidding at Ascer last time, Sheer floring conhandle soft ground and this race is a bit easier than the Croup Three won by Sacrament at Kempton. Medicilla Militains has a higher mining than Sheer Danzig Book to form at Yarround hist time, his has yet to prove he stays this rip. Eve Lanz boosted the November claimer last time, his has yet to prove he stays this rip. Eve Lanz boosted the November claim of Nutra after her Newbury third to Salmon Ladder, in which race: Kolebo ran bodly in the soft ground. President looks best served by a faster surface.

Selection: ELECTION DAY

3.30 TOTE CREDIT NOVEMBER HANDICAP (CLASS B) £30,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £26,670 C4

1995: Ment 3 7 9 J Qurn 2-1 (P Long Lo rain
FORM GUIDE
BOWCLIFFE COURT, recently snapped up for hurding by Reg Akenurst, spreadcagled his
13 mals in the mud at Newbury 16 days ago, He is well-handcapped 19th better with Uneta Doug on Ripon numning and there is no better man at the weights for these plogs than
Jimmy Quinn, who won it last year on Merit. Sewetheres thereaft is a prillarly progressive
sort but the two males takes some getting and sine has yet to go beyond 14 furlongs. Onchestra Stall is 15th higher for his Newcastie with a non-stayer in the Cesarewitch, he won
cleasily on 8 return obj. but this big weight will take some deflying in the ground. Paradiale
Navy and Sea Victor mode the traine in this last year, but the ground was a tot faster then.
Selections BOWCLIFFE COURT

landed three hurdle races last term and ran well to be fifth behind Urubanide in the Sun Al-liance Hurdle and third to Pleasure Shared at Antirea. Ho will be winning a similar event be-fore he is much older. Wee Wlady, winner of handloop hurdle races at Kempton and Fortivell on his first two starts lest term, ran well in two other outpets. Selections SEE MORE BUSINESS

2.50 REMEMBRANCE NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,233

-13 declared
BETTING: 9-4 Milestin Dorby, 6-1 Legical Stop, 8-1 Hardauts, The Reverand Bert, 10-1 Stormy Passage, Mr Strong Gale, 12-1 others

1996: General Crack 6 11 0 A P McCoy 8-1 (P Nicholts) 16 ran

3.25 STAYERS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 3m Penalty Value £2,824

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	HYPERION
1.15 Newlands-General 1.45 Dr Leunt 2.15 See More Business	2.50 The Reverend Bert 3.25 Flying Gunner 3.55 Potentate
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ELEADING TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: M Fipe — 40 winners from 172 runners gives a success ratio of 25.7% and a loss to a 51 level stabt of 55.27; N Twiston-Davies — 20 winners, 94 riturers, 21.3%, +513.17; P Hobbs — 10 winners, 63 runners, 25.4%, +557.10; II Nicholson — 14 winners, 41 runners, 22.3%, +55.58.

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ERAINING JOCKETS R Douwcoody — 29 winners, 124 rides, 23.4%, +536.57; J Osborne — 14 winners, 63 rides, 22.2%, +48.78; A P McCoy — 11 winners, 66 rides, 16.7%, +23.64; G Bradley — 8 winners, 44 rides, 21.0%, -58.23.

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FORM GUIDE

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Adams to lead by example

The England defender talks to lan Ridley about his return to captaincy and sobriety

ENGLAND

(at Boris Paichadze stadium,

Toilisi; today, 12.0 GMT)

oday, on the 84th day of the rest of his life. Tony Adams returns to captain England against Georgia in a World Cup qualifying match in Tbilisi. This one should not he confused with the Adams with attitude, angry face contorted and arm seemingly ever aloft ap-pealing for offside: defender on the pitch, defensive off it.

The Tony Adams who spoke esterday, with a new softness in his voice, of his grautude at being restured to a sanity in his life, as well as the leadership of his country, was one reborn out of the humiliation that active alcoholism inflicts. In its place, we had a humility that recovery from the illness inspires. Now GEORGIA V

he just folds his hands up. Adams had always heen able to cover up his drinking with consistent performances for Arsenal and England, solid and dependable, if sometimes exposed by the highest quality of striker at international level.

succeed at Euro 96 that he white-knuckled his way through May and June without a drink. After England's exit from the

competition in the semifinal, and with more knee surgery pending - seven pain-killing injections saw him through the tournament - he hit the bottle again. Six weeks later, his marriage also failing, be was in a despair that no foothalling disappointment can match.

One morning in August, a new season in the offing, he woke up, took a look at the man in the mirror and despised the reflection. His team-mate Paul Merson had done it; now he knew he had to. A day at a time. he has not bad a drink for those 84 days and the change in behaviour and attitude was there for all to see yesterday.

"I have been this person who has had this mask on for all these years." he said slowly and thoughtfully. "I have had a good look at myself, warts and all, and I think I am changing in lots of ways."

His relief at being released from a personal prison worse than the real one in which he was hanged up for a stretch for drink-driving five years ago was

Looking lean - "Well, I'm not drinking Gunness" - but not mean, he was polite and indu-gent, with a wit that surprised. When did he know he would be captain? "I had an idea when Glenn started calling me 'Skip'." he said. It was a far cry from the figure who took the intercom on the plane trip home from a successful raid on Auxerre with Arsenal and sarcastically thanked the press for winding up the team by writing them off

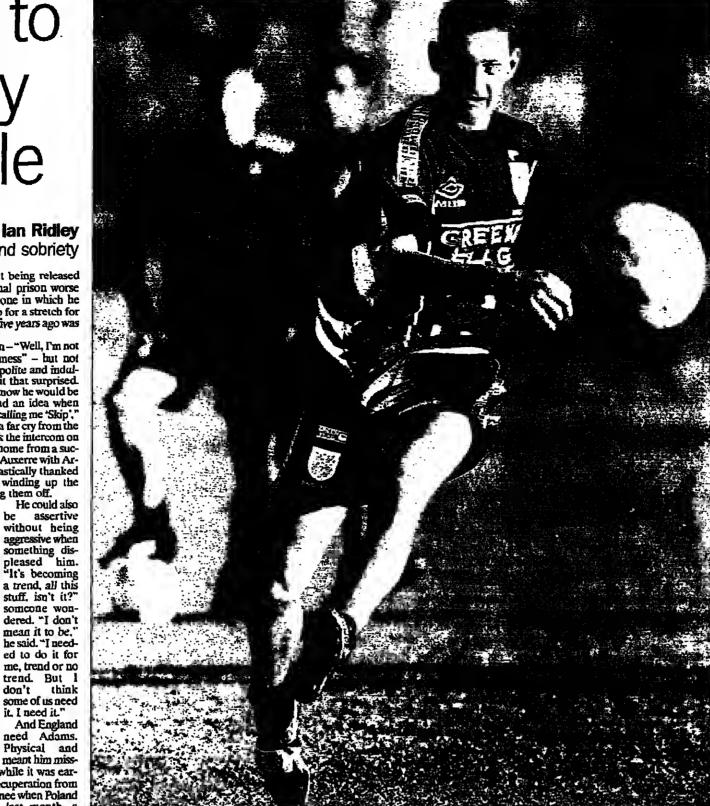
> without heing aggressive when something displeased him. 'It's becoming a trend, all this stuff, isn't it?"

dered. "I don't mean it to be. he said. "I needed to do it for me, trend or no trend. But I don't some of us need it I need it" And England need Adams.

emotional pain meant him missing Moldova, while it was early days in his recuperation from the wounded knee when Poland came around fast month, a game in which the defence looked alarmingly vulnerable at times. Since then, his form bas been splendid as be seeks to graft more thought on to the de-pendability under the tutelage of Arsene Wenger, whose

coaching he is enjoying.
"Like any other human being, I like a hit of praise and recognition," Adams said. "I think I have been playing well." He wants, be added, to be judged as a captain and footballer, rather than any role model. "A player who goes out and tries his best, with a commitment to being the best footballer he can be, for people to say: 'He's got a few qualities everyone can look at.'

"I think any kids out there should look at the player. How many games be has played. how many times he has played for his country," he added. And although Adams does not like for me and for you.'



No longer kicking over the traces; Tony Adams gets down to training in Tbilis

to project, he does concede that a 50th cap, five games down the line, would thrill him.

"I think Glenn knows I bave changed," be said, and elaborated neatly - it is, after all, ultimately impossible to divorce the person from the player. "In footballing terms, I have tried to lead by example. I'm doing it more for myself now. If I get myself performing to the best of what Tony Adams can do, then I am going to help everyone else.

the verbals or a kick up the defence mirroring what will be and I would rather have a de- time he had been plastered in backside like you used to, but have a look at me. I can assure you I will be giving 100 per cent. me." be said. "With George give it to Gazza or whoever." my best for the team. I am run- Graham for eight years I was ning and heading and kicking suppressed in the way I was playfor me and for you. Suppressed in the way I was playing. He wanted a particular about things once or twice. But

"If I see someone not pulling their weight or not doing something, then I am only human. I will talk to them. But there are certain ways of putting things over. There is a thin line and you can go over the top a bit. I bave seen certain players go over the line. If it's all verbal, it goes in one ear and out of another. If you are constructive with it, it works."

Although be always admired George Graham - indeed, was the symbol of his management - the change at Arsenal has also "I said to the players at Ar-senal: Look, you might not get the central role in a three-man other team is going to attack expected in Hoddle's England.
"It opened up new fields for

style of playing, a back four, and we all want to please our boss. Besides, be got success with it. "Going into a different system when he left, I have been

been surprised that maybe I can play a bit. But I do think it is important in that position to be able to defend. "Some people have talked about a Glenn Hoddle-type player in there, but sooner or later you have to bead and

able to express myself a bit more

and I think a few people bave

Ah, Gazza. Has Adams spo-

I'm not bere to change anyone else. I am happy with myself." It has, he admitted, been difficult with Paul Merson having withdrawn from the squad. But he has been talking to "the right people". At £7.50 a minute to telephone England, it is a costly husiness. "That's for the FA," be said with a smile.

Clearly, he did not get sober to get sombre, serious business as it all is. I ventured that I had written last week in a match report that when his brow was stitched and dressed against fender in there. I can bring the months. "Yeah, good one," he ball out a little bit, but then I replied, langhing. By retaining give it to Gazza or whoever." nessing the new, England could now see the very best of the new Tony Adams.

A month ago, the Dutch

were similarly compromised by

the calibre of their replace-

ments meant they were able to

win comfortably in the end af-

No way back for banned **McAllister**

reports from Glasgow

Scotland were last night forced to admit defeat in their attempt to persuade Fifa, the governing body of world football, that Gary McAllister should be allowed to lead them in tomorrow's World Cup qualifying match against Sweden at Ibrox.

Following a day of frenzied far and phone activity hetween Glasgow and Zurich, in which the Scots challenged the valid-ity of McAllister's suspension for the game, the national manager, Craig Brown, said: "We made an appeal, or a request for clarification, but the decision was that Gary was meligible."

The Scotland captain was due to sit out last month's ill-fated Group Four fixture in Estonia after incurring a one-game ban,

SWEDEN

and did not ap-pear for the SCOTLAND V tbree-second farce. When (at librox Stactium, Glasgow; tomorrow, 3.0) the Scottish FA that the Talling game bad to be replayed, it also confirmed that McAllister's suspension now applied to the visit of the

to he the end of the matter. But yesterday the SFA's media liaison officer, David Findlay revealed that its chief executive. Jim Farry. had put "perti-

tions" to Fifa about McAllister's position. These, he added, were

making them think very seriously about the decision Sufficiently seriously, it tranpired, for Fifa to reconvene their disciplinary committee in emer-

gency session by phone, only for the original ruling to be upheld. The issue appears unlikely to go away, whatever the result of tomorrow's game. Scotland are understandably keen to hear an explanation as to why Lennart Johansson, a Swede, reportedly chaired the enquiry into the phantom fixture in Talling. Jobansson is vice president of Uefa, the ruling body for European football, and while the SFA is anxious not to be seen to be questioning his impartiality, it does not appear to have been the most judicious of ap-

The Scots have also learned that Johansson was interviewed on television at halftime during Sweden's home defeat by Austria, which was played later in the same day as the match in Estonia. He is said to have remarked that Scotland's game would clearly have to be replayed, which could be seen as pre-judging the affair before he could have

known all the circumstances. As the political intrigue rumbled on yesterday, Brown effectively had to prepare two teams. One included McAllister, the other, skippered by Colin Hendry, dld not. "We've had to play without Gary four times in the past few years, Brown said. "We won three and drew one. He's a tremendously influential player, but we must condition the fans and the team that it's not a disaster to

> Sweden's earlier voiced the fear that Scotland were turning the fixture into a grudge match to disabuse him of the notion

principle play-maker, Brown

picks from "a clutch of young alternatives". The game, only the eighth Scotland bave played at bome in Brown's 28-match reign, is close to a 50,000 sell-out. The Scots would have gone into ac-

were led to believe was theirs after Estoma's no-show. Should they win, no Fifa edict can prevent their going top. SCOTLAND (Probable; 3-5-2): Lely (Hibernan): Calderwood (Totten)

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Duberry hits late winner

IAN GORDON

reports from Batumi Georgia Under-21 England Under-21

Michael Duberry snatched a Life winner as England's Under-21 side successfully came through a fraught journey to one of the most remote outposts of European football vesterday. The Chelsea defender produced an 81st-minute winner to

send England back to the top of their European Under-21 Championship qualifying group. However, Peter Taylor's side were put through one of the worst journeys of their lives on an aircraft that would have not passed any stringent European Petrol funies filled the cabin.

seat-helts were missing and many of the seats were broken for the 30-minute journey to the port of Batumi un the Caspian Sea, about 200 miles east of the capital. Tbilisi.

England's opponents were also on the flight but, for long periods, they showed no ill-effects as they dominated the game. But Duberry punished them for their poor finishing when he struck near the end. The stand-in captain, Nicky Butt. found Ipswich's James Scowcroft, who played the ball back fur Duberry to hammer home into the bottom corner. **GEORGIA UNDER-21:** Astanadze, kuladze, Tsietishnia, Didaze, Khujadze, Lagonastenii Lieladze, 75). Ristrodee, Galkholndze, Sajau, Potsikhwena, Listra il. Letadze (Astribeta, 27). Reventa Issaniu I sedoce Vermicel, as i. PRIGELARD INDER-21: Dey (Crystal Palace); Newton (Charton), P. Navilla (Nanchester Urch, Dubarry (Cristerar, Schwene (Aston Vick), Cor-bon (Certy), Thompson (Lestpool), Butt (Mar-chester Urch, Dyw Crystal Palace), Scowcott, Insanch, Badle (Norn-schort), Sobstitutes

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TREVOR HAYLETT

He was not even considered good enough for the squad last time, but five weeks on, Vinnie Jones has reclaimed his place with Wales and furthermore, returns to the side as captain. England go into this World Cup weekend with a recovering alcoholic as team leader, so why not a footballing warrior who has been dismissed 12 times in

desperate measures and at least Jones will ensure that Wales commitment will be total in Eindhoven tonight when they attempt to revitalise their qualifving campaign by prising a

which crushed them in Cardiff last month.

Jones owes his promotion to a vote among those surviving players Bobby Gould has taken to the Netherlands following a dehilitating series of with-drawals. "We had a democratic vute and the players chose Vinnie," Gould said. "They knew who they wanted to lead them.

some quarters the decision will a chequered career? Desperate situations call for be seen as a "bad day for football", although in Jones' defence, he cannot be accused of beating up anyone, at least not off the field. "I've always said Vinnie was

underrated, but we'll have to and leader."

point or more from a Dutch side make sure his enthusiasm does not hubble out before he gets on to the pitch," Gould said.

It is Jones' sixth cap and an-

The manager admits that in

Jones made Wales captain by popular demand

other important career milestone for a player wbo seemingly has always been fighting a battle to prove himself against those who say he not only lacks the talent to play at the highest level, but that his machismo tendencies do the game a disservice.

"I have not been so emotional for a long time," said Jones, who owes his qualification to a Welsh grandfather and who bears a dragon tattooed on his chest. "That's how it makes you feel when your fellow prosionals vote you their captain

Leaving aside the captaincy, it is not easy to justify Jones' inclusion when set alongside a lengthy absentee list, although Gould's contention that Wales suffered in Cardiff because of a propensity to lose possession.
"We can't allow them to have

as much of the ball as they had

last time because they use it so well. It's backs to the wall stuff, ly goal for almost an hour. but if we dig in and show character, then we can get a result." The rest of the side will not be disclosed until just before kick-off. Apart from the regular captain, Barry Horne, Gould is deprived of Ryan Giggs, Chris Coleman and Nathan Blake. Mark Hughes is sus-

pended and Ian Rush would ap-

pear to have been consigned to

the history books.

lection, while Pierre Van Hooijdonk, the Celtic striker whose substitution and subsequent pair of goals swung the game, is expected to overcome a calf strain.

The class gap glaringly obvious at the Arms Park might

come to look relatively narrow by nine o'clock this evening.

NETHERLANDS V WALES (at Philips stadium, Eindhoven: today, 7.0 G/MT) Group Seven

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Irish to play the German way Passport problem for McAteer REP OF IRELAND

Jason McAteer, the Liverpoot midfield player, has been forced to go to court to clear himself to play for the Republic of Ireland in tomorrow's World Cup qualifying match against Iceland at Lansdowne Road.

McAteer made a two-minute appearance at Ballybay District Court in Co Monaghan yesterday to seek Irish citizenship.

The 25-year-old did not possess an Irish passport, and the Irish Football Association chief executive, Bernard O'Byrne, said: "Under new Fifa laws, we must present Irish passports to the official observer before each match. This matter was only brought to our notice before the recent game with Macedonia, so we've been sorting it out.

"In the past, two or three players did not carry Irish passports but we will present 18 Irish passports to the observer before the game. There is absolutely no question that Jason does not qualify to play for us."

John Aldridge and Tony Cas-carino have also had similar passport problems sorted out in past month.

Mick McCarthy, the Republic manager, has vet to decide whether Roy Keane's comeback will be in central defence or his normal Manchester United midfield role. Keane bas been playing in defence in practice matches and McCarthy said: "I wanted to see how Roy fitted into the position as I already know his qualities in midfield." Bolton's Gudni Bergsson.

who had been hoping to set a new Icelandic record with 72 caps, has been ruled uut, and Iceland are also without Bjarki and Arnar Gunnlaugsson, twin brothers who have been regulars. The only Englishbased player in the team is Stoke's Larus Sigurdsson, although the former Sheffield Wednesday and Arsenal midfielder Siggi Jonsson is also in

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Bryan Hamilton plans to copy ever recorded such a double the main ingredient of German success in an attempt to put Northern Ireland's qualifying challenge back on track in Nuremberg today. Hamilton openly admits his

Hamilton openly admits his admiration for the European champions, who will be returning to home soil for the first time ing to home soil for the first time. since their Euro 96 triumph. "Despite their great individ-

uals, the emphasis is always on team work and togetherness. Thar's something I have tried hard to instill into my players." said Hamilton, who knows that a defeat will kill any hope of qualification following a 1-0 home loss to Ukraine and a 1-1 draw with Armenia.

The Irish go into the game with a remarkable record of not having lost in any of their last four meetings with the Germans, and two victories at the qualifying stage of the 1984 European Championship installed them as the only team to have knee problem.

over a nation always at the top of the international ladder. hope our recent good record plays on their minds," said Hamilton, whose side forced a

thington is expected to replace the unwell Keith Rowland at left back, while the Leicester defender Colin Hill could be given a midfield role. That would mean the captain, Iain Dowie. ploughing a lone furrow up front, with Keith Gillespie and Michael Hughes given orders to support quickly on the counterattack.

Germany are beset by injury problems, with Christian Ziege, Matthias Sammer, Mehmet Scholl, Mario Basler, Thomas Helmer and Steffen Freund all ruled out. The midfielder Dieter Eilts is also struggling with a

Group Nine

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The Norwegian coach, Bail Olsen, has opted for a 4-5-3 mation against Switzerlan Berne today, which means that Manchester United's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and Southampton's Egil Ostenstadt are competing for one place in at-tack – along with the three other strikers in the squad.

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tion as leaders had they been awarded the 3-0 walkover they

Portugal in need of points

Portugal go into today's World Cup qualifier against Ukraine knowing that anything but a win could jeopardise their chances of reaching the 1998 finals in France. "We must win or things are going to get very compli-cated," their coach, Artur Jorge,

After impressing in Euro 96 last summer, the talented but inconsistent Portuguese bave just one victory in three games in their campaign to reach the fi-nals for only the third time. With Germany also in Group N. the Portuguese need maximum points against the Ukrainians ter losing 2-1 in Kiev last month.

Ukraine, who head the group with a maximum six points from two games, will be boosted by the return of midfielder Hennady Orbu, whose Russian club Rotor Volgograd had refused to release him for the home game. "It is going to be difficult. From now on, there are no easy games but we are optimistic and convinced that we can put on a

good display," Jorge said. Like Ukraine, Yugoslavia also have a 100 per-cent record. They face the Czech Republic in Belgrade's Red Star stadium tomorrow looking to make it four wins out of four in Group Six. They have scored 17 goals and conceded just two, but will be without the injured Milan playmaker. Dejan Savicevic, tomorrow.

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Money said his side's victory was down to the lucky socks Clyde loaned them because theirs clashed with St Johnstone's

As cups go, the Scottish League Challeoge Cup is hardly the most glamorous. But it is better than noth
Rodgers, was another who had had his toogue firmly in his check when he had promised before the final delight or despair to a crowd regardless of its size. So the fans who did their best to fill Clyde's new 8,700 ing, which was the contents of Strangaer's non-existent trophy room before last Sunday, when they beat St Johnstone to win the first cup in their 126-year history.

And if someone, somewhere, used that most enduring of football cliches and predicted that "they'd be dancing in the street of Stramaer"... well, they were right. The players celcbrated with a huge ceilidh which will probably never be bettered in the tiny seaside town. Their manager, Camp-bell Money, tongue firmly in cheek, admitted: "Aye, there was a highland party. I was in the town, it was quite an experience" - which was quite an understatement.

The club chairman, Graham

that he would have a trophy room built at Stair Park if Strangaer won the Cup. "Now he'll have that to pay for, as well as the win bonuses," said the captain, Tony Gallagher. "He'll

But not as sick as Danny Griffin. a promising Northern Ireland international Griffin must have been as unwell as the proverbial parrot and probably wished he had not turned down Derby's £1m offer during the summer (his girlfrieod apparently didn't fancy going south) - because it was his own goal that won the cup for part-timers Strangaer in the 26th minute.

One of the most unique aspects of sport is its ability to bring as much

all-seated Broadwood Stadium will clearly as the Foster's Melbourne Cap will linger in the memories of the 90,149 who turned out two days later for one of the biggest days in

Coincidentally, the race was won by the Australian-trained horse, Saintly who wined the ntly, who wiped the grass with the 4-1 favourite Oscar Schindler and the rest of the European challengers; while at Broadwood the Saints, in the shape of the First Di-vision favourites St Johnstone, lost by a nose (or an outstretched leg). As far as Strantaer were con-

cerned, though, the size of the

crowd was the only disappointing

Olivia Blair



ON SATURDAY

aspect of the day. A meagre crowd of 5,522 hardly merited the platform of Hampden Park.

A former St Mirren goalkeeper,

Mooey (which is something Stran-

club has ever received for a player was £30,000, the most they have ever shelled out just half that figure) joked after the game that his side s victory was down to the lucky socks Clyde loaned them because their own hlue ones clashed with St

"They did us a good turn," Moo-ey said, "and we'll be keeping the socks." But it is not the first time Lady Luck has played a key role in the Challeoge Cup final, nor is it the first time an underdog has woo the day.

Last season Stenhousemuir (past masters at upsetting Cup applecarts
they had previously dumped Aberdeen out of the Scottish Cup) beat
Dundee United 5-4 on penalties to win a trophy for the first time in their 111-year history. They put the vic-

or lack of it. Roddy McKenzie dived to his left and saved Craig Brewster's crucial penalty - because he thought it was Owen Coyle taking the kick, and he had been told to dive left if Coyle took one.

Money is hoping the victory will put a club which is "miles from anywhere on the map. Stranraer's main claim to fame is as the gateway to Northern Ireland: on any match day you're likely to find the town seething with Celtic and Rangers fans, bleary-eyed from a trip over on the ferry from supporters' clubs io Ulster. Strangaer fans are harder to come by. Last season's average home crowd was just 624. well down on the average of 1,541 in 1994-95 - just over five per cent

original (the Blues) but it does reflect the maritime connection, as does the current sponsor. Stena Line. Strangaer are actually the third oldest club in Scotland, but were not admitted to the Scottish League until 1955, since when the supporters have had precious little to cheer about. Alex McAnespie led them to the Secood Division title in 1993-94, a glorious season commemorated in a labour of love by Charles Rigg: a book called "124 Years Oo". However, McAnespie's departure was anything but glorious; he was given his marching orders in the car park of Forthbank stadium after a defeat by Stirling Albion last March. Well, football does have a way of surprising you when - and where - you least expect it.

Chelsea complete £4.5m Zola signing

Football

RUPERT METCALF

Chelsea last night completed the £4.5m signing of Gianfranco Zola from the Serie A side Parma. The Italian international attacking midfielder will arrive in Loodon next week, and the Stamford Bridge club have not denied reports that he has been offered wages of about £25,000 per week as part his three-and-

It has transpired that Parma have been keen to unload Zola after he fell out with their coach, Carlo Ancelotti, and the Italian club will doubtless be very happy with such a fee for

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

minutes and further goals by John Dreyer and Robert Steiner

put the home side 3-0 down

four minutes later and on the

verge of half-time Ian Lawson

Huddersfield carried on

where they left off in the second

Paul Daiton pulled one back

after 38 minutes.

ing director, but the first moves were made by Riccardo Sogliano, Parma's sporting director, when he flew to London earlier this week. It is believed he also spoke to Manchester United. Tottenham and Newcastle.

Celtic have lost their quest to earn a fee for the Scotland midfielder, John Collins, who moved to Monaco in the summer on a free transfer, after the expiry of his contract, thanks to the "Bosman" legislation.

Celtic argued that they should receive a fee for Collins, as Monaco is oot a European Union state, but yesterday Fifa, football's governing body, ruled

completed in Italy by Colin Monaco are members of the Hotchinson, Chelsea's manag- Freuch Football Federation. A French Football Federation. A Celtic spokesman said: "This is the second bad result for Scot-

land from Fifa in two days." However, Celtic have been allowed to appeal against fines imposed earlier this season for using unlicensed agents to secure the transfer of Alan Stubbs from Bolton. Celtic were fined £42,000 and Stubbs £28,000.

Stan Collymore will turn out

for Liverpool's reserves today against Sheffield Wednesday at Anfield, and thus avoid another heavy fine. He was penalised two week's wages for not showing up for a second-team game against Tranmere last Wednesday, but after talks with his ageot he has decided not to cause further conflict with his employers.
Rangers have decided not to

appeal against a four-match European suspension given yesterday to Paul Gascoigne for his red card in the last mooth's Ajax. The England midfielder has already served one match of the ban. Rangers were also fined £2,500 for collecting three other yellow cards against Ajax.

The Professional Footballers' Association chief executive, Gordon Taylor, has denied reports that his union will be unable to help David Busst, the Coveotry defeoder who has had to retire after suffering a broken leg at Manchester Unit-

lan Woosnam (left) and Ernie Els wait before teeing off for the third round of the Johnnie Walker Super Tour in Manila yesterday. Els leads by two strokes from Woosnam Photograph: Mike Cooper/Allsport | 6-2, 6-1.

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Third Division

Ivanisevic rushes to last four

Tennis

Goran Ivanisevic is oot wasting any time in Moscow. On Thursday he was on court for 36 minutes in his win over Switzerland's Jakoh Hlasek and yesterday the Croat took just 56 minutes to defeat Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-0 and advance to the semifinals of the Kremlin Cup.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the tournameot's home-town favourite and the top seed, defeated Byron Black of Zimhabwe 7-6, 6-2 and will now meet the Germany David Prioosil in today's semi-finals while Ivanisevic will play Alex O'Brien of the United States.

The Swiss teenager Martina Hingis stayed on course for a first meeting with Monica Seles in Sunday's final but said she was disappointed with her game as she reached the semi-finals of the Bank of the West Classic in Oakland, California.

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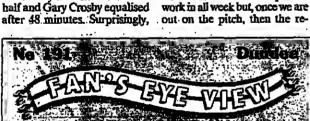
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Hingis, the third seed, beat Linda Wild 6-3, 6-2 in just 58 minutes, setting up a semi-final today against either the secondseeded American, Lindsay Davenport, or the fifth seed, Brenda hultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands, Hingis, 16, has defeated eight players in the top 10 this year.

"It was such a had match." said Hingis, ranked seventh in the world. "It was not very in-teresting... I was angry and dis-appointed that I couldn't make the shots I wanted."

The Russian Elena Likhovtseva surprised the fourth seed, Mary Joe Fernandez, 6-3, 6-1. and the Romanian Irina Spirlea beat Paola Suarez, of Argentina,



It has become fashionable in certish League in 1961-62. The legtain circles to adopt small chibs cadary Alan Gilzcan scored 54 from afar, the more obscure the goals that season and the Dess from afar, the more obscure the better. We have seen Stenhousemuir supporters' clube in Norway, and Cowdenbeath affiliations in the south of England.

All very trendy, but hazily

hard-core devotion, particular-ly when the devotee is twice re-moved from his habitat. In this respect, the reality of many ears of fanatical support for a relatively small club can be much more painful, particularly if the said small club used to be large, and well respected. My affliction is for Dundee Football Club, from the smallest city in Europe to send two different Minbs to European Tip semi-finals, albeit 20 years apart.

Paradoxically, our local rivals:
Dundee United used to be no
more than a piaprick on the
football globe, but they have grown in parallel to the seemingly terminal decline of the Dark Blues. Yes this is no bigoted rivalry on the scale of Rangers/Celucor Hearts/Hibs: the Scotsnan valled it, "rival-IV without rancour" - we're a special ruce us Dundonians.

ry without rancour — we're a special race us Dundonians.

I had a civilised upbringing. Every Saturday (excepting the visits of drunken hordes from Rangers or Celtic) from the age of around five. I was intred by my father over the turnstiles at either Dens or Tannadice. This was in the late 1950s when Dundee were stylish aristo crats and United paupers. In the early 1950s, Dundee had paid a British record fee to bring Billy Steele from Derby Tounty, However, from then on it was sell, sell. sell.

So Bill Brown went to Spurs and Jimmy Gabriel to Everton long before I was out of abort trousers. Neverthaless, the capand Dundee duly did what they had been threatening to do the special statistics.

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goals that season and the Dees marched into the European Cup, trouncing Cologne 8-1. Sporting Lisben 4-0 and Anderficult 4-1 away, before being cheated out of their biethright by the cynical Milan.

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given what had gone on before, sponsibility lies with the players. Lee Bradbury to cootinue his rehat ended the scoring. West Bromwich Albion will and the manager down. Port Vale are to revert to the

Huddersfield's magnificent fightback

Huddersfield Town came back attempt to improve the worst from a three-goal deficit to draw home record in the First Divi- 4-5-1 system which has brought bury, signed from non-league 3-3 with Bradford City in their sion against Port Vale today recent away league wins at First Division match at the with Richard Sneekes urging the McAlpine Stadium last night. crowd to support the manager, The visitors took the lead Alan Buckley Supporters dethrough Chris Waddle after six manded his resignation after the last home game, a goalless draw with Bradford City, which was followed by a 4-0 defeat at

Portsmooth last weekend. "The way the fans started calling for Buckley shead after the Bradford game was out of or-der because he has done everything he can for Alhion, Speekes said. "He can put his work in all week but, once we are

Wolves and Huddersfield, with Lee Mills expected to make way for midfielder Stuart Falbot and Tony Naylor a lone striker. ·

Steve Guppy is expected to have recovered from the back injury suffered in the pre-match warm-up at the Manor Ground. while captain Neil Aspin has shaken off a knee problem.

The Albion-Vale game is one of only three today in the First Division, following the postponement of several fixtures due to international commitments. Portsmouth will be looking to

and we have let the supporters cent good form as they aim to complete a hat-trick of victories when they visit Oldham. Brad-Cowes at the start of last season, seven games.

Portsmouth are set to give a dehut to David Hillier, signed from Arsenal, after he shook off a foot injury suffered in a reserve match. He will replace Alan McLoughlin, on duty for the Republic of Ireland, while Fitzroy Simpson is serving a one-match ban.
The Tottenham defender

Jason Cundy will try and patch up an injury-ravaged defence as he makes his debut oo loan to Inswich in their home match

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Havant in a tight spot BILL COLMITT 44 Queen of the South v Benwick

> A busy weekend of league and cup hockey includes the top four Premier sides playing each other today, with second-placed Reading visiting Cannock and the leaders, Old Loughtonians, travelling to fourth-placed Southgate.

At the bottom, Havant, with no points, eotertain Guildford, who last weekend came from behind to beat Reading 5-3.

Havant's Premiership survival could rest on the outcome of tomorrow's cup game, when Beeston visit Yeovil and Sherborne. If his side loses, the Yeovil captain, Rob Hill, the former Great Britain and Havant penalty corner specialist, could return to help his old club right for survival.

Since Hill's successor, Callum Giles, left for the Dutch club HGM at the beginning of the season, Havant have struggled. Hill's return could be crucial.

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Peter Moores, the new Sussex captain, yesterday refused to take further steps to persuede lan Saksbury to stay with the club. Sussex have offered the leg-spinner a five-year contract with the promise of a benefit but Salisbury is said to be considered refers from Northsone.

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Lee Ashoroft, West Bromwich's former Eng-tand Under-21 intermetional, has rejoined Prestor for £150,000. The 24-year-old, who recently returned to The Hawthoms after a spet on loan at Preston, joined Al-bion for £225,000 in 1993. Ian McNeill, the former Wigan and Shrewsbury manager, has resigned as chief scout of Bolton Wanderers.

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Britain were in third place yesterday when bad weather again disrupted the

women's World Amateur Team Cham women's World American team Cham-pionships in Santa Rosa, Philippines. Janke Moodie was Britan's best first-round scorer with a three-under-per 69. Heavy rains during the first day's prompted officials to suspend play twice and reduce the tournament from 72 to 54 holes.

T2 to 54 notes.

Laura Devies made a good start seeking her third straight troen title with a four-under-per 68 for a one-stroke lead in Incessant rain yesterday in Chose, Japan.

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Federico Mendez, Bath's new hooker, is in Argentina's side to meet South

Africa in the first of two Tests in Buenos Aires today. Mendez is due to

Rugby Union

make his Bath debut on 2 December against western sampa.

The venue for South West's game against South Africa A on 20 November has been moved from Bath to Exeter because of a dispute between the RFU and Epruc. The match against Argentina will being played at Redruth on 24 November and Queensland at Newbern 28 November. 24 November, and Questioning in New-bury on 28 November, TOUR MATCH (Hassleig: Scotland A 32 South Arica A 19. Scotland A Tiess Lee, Kern, Nichol, Burns: Penalities Hodge 2: Conventions Hodge 3: South Africa & Ties Du Tot, Goosen, Penalities Smith 2: Du Tot.

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> TODAY'S NUMBER

The points that the 39-year old Chester Jets guard, Russ Saunders, needs from tomorrow's game at Newcastle to become the first play er to reach 8,000 caree points in basketball's Budweiser League.

Bett ready to gamble on **Americans**

In a week when two more émigrés returned to the Budweiser League from Continental clubs. Mick Bett, the Thames Valley ligers coach, is waiting for his full quota of five Americans to make an impact on the season, writes Richard Taylor.

After seven league defeats out of eight, and a crisis meeting" this week between Bett. the players and the owner John Nike, Tigers produced one of their most combative performances of the season on Thursday, a 92-89 defeat against league leaders, London Leopards.

"A lot was said at the meeting but it's only on court we can turn things around," Bett said, "We're a losing team and some of the players have not been taking the situation scriously enough.

Tigers are at home to Crystal Palace in the 7-Up trophy

tooight.
The Eogland internacionals, Carl Miller and Kurt Samuels who joined Portuguese and Italians clubs in the summer face each other tonight for their new teams. Samuels plays for Birmingham Bullets against Miller's visiting Newcastle Eagles.



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Sport

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Darren Gough talks to Ian Stafford

Adams leads the search for a psychological edge

IAN RIDLEY reports from Tbilisi

Glenn Hoddle, it seemed, was sending more messages yester-day than poor civil wardamaged Tbilisi's hard-pressed communications system could cope with, as all struggled to phooe home, on the eve of England's World Cup qualifying

match against Georgia.
In choosing Tony Adams as his captain, Hoddle has sought to bridge the gap between Euphoria '96 and the rather more dour business of qualifying for the World Cup in France '98. He also believes that it illustrates a wider point of change for the better. In addition, he sees the real goal of victory as giving England

boot, takes over from the injured Alan Shearer as team leader and is rewarded not just for his form in his club's ascent to the top of the Premiership. but also his altered attitude as he enters the third month of his recovery from alcoholism.

The main thing has been his form after his knee operation," Hoddle said. "He has probably come back leaner after his injury than he has ever looked in the last three or four years. That's probably significant in the fact that he is addressing his other problem. To me, he has looked sharper and has played consistently well this season.

"And the fact that he is trying 10 put things right, that might be a good example not just for the players, but for everyone," Hoddle added. "I

Adams, a veteran of hostile think that's the point we are try-foreign fields with Arsenal to ing to make this week. He's a super example in many ways of how people can turn their lives around and he's getting his just reward for it.

> Adams and David Seaman in goal are probably the only certain selections. Last night Hoddle wanted to check on ankle injuries to Gareth Southgate and Stuart Pearce at training in the Boris Paichaidze stadium, and the state of the pitch, as well as talking to Paul Gascoigne one last time before deciding on his line-up. "It will be a football discussion," he insisted of the Gazza summit

The coach did reveal that he would be retaining the 3-5-2 shape of the team, with the composition of the midfield crucial. He is concerned about that area of the Georgians - "Where



a liability defensively against Poland last month - does play, Hoddle is likely to install an

possibly David Batty, and the flair players the back we could see three more recognisable central defenders, rather than full-backs. Besides Georgi Kinkladze,

the AEK Athens player Temur Ketsbaia is also a ball-carrying worry who will need to be countered. "The vital period for us is the first 25 minutes," Hoddle said. "We have to make sure they don't get on top, because if they do, they have players who can respond.

Hoddle played for England in a 1-0 win against the Soviet Union here 10 years ago but expects this to be a different atmosphere. "There will be more passion," he said. "At that time they were under the USSR and really wanted to be a Republic. England played well on the day and the crowd turned against their team and cheered us, which was an un-

The Georgians are clearly a talented collection of individuals, problem. "I have seen them lose. 0-5 and win 5-0," Hoddle said. They are a side with individuals. who respond to good support and we have to make sure we don't give anything away early

Should England retain pos-session sufficiently to quell the crowd wresting control of the crucial midfield, they should then have enough defensive organisation and striking potential to eke out a victory. albeit narrow.

It would see England three points clear of Italy at the top of the group after wins over Moldova and Poland, with the home game against the Italians

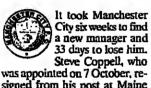
that will happen tomorrow ary, when Shearer will return as captain, if available, as Hoddle has promised him a three-game

> "It wouldn't be a disaster if we drew, but we will be trying to win this game. Hoddle said "It is significant that the Ital ians don't play competitive this week and if we get the three points against Georgia. then going into the Wembley game, it will be an edge to is

> psychologically." Indeed, such a result, should there be telephone lines to send it out, would give a strong message in a group from which only one nation will qualify automatically. It might also be more of a fillip temporarily for Adams and Co than any counsellor can provide.

Captain Adams, plus other World Cup news, page 28

Stress forces Coppell to quit City job



signed from his post at Maine Road yesterday, citing health reasons. The club, too, had a sickly pallor at the announcement. In a statement, the 41-yearold Coppell, who will be suc-

ceeded on a caretaker basis by his assistant, Phil Neal, revealed that stress had forced his band, "I am not ashamed to admit I have suffered for some time from the huge pressure I have imposed on myself." he said. "Since my appointment, this has completely overwhelmed me to such an extent that I can't function in the job in the way I would like to.

"As the situation is affeeting my well-being. I have asked Francis Lee [the club's chairman to relieve me of my obligation to manage 14 Steve Wicks (Lincoln) 16 Jock Stein (Leeds) I am therefore resigning

solely for personal reasons Coppell, looking drawn and his voice cracking with emotion, said it had been the hardest decision he had ever made. "I am extremely emharrassed by the situation and I would like to apologise first and foremost to Francis Lee and his board, who did everything in their power to help me. Francis has been particularly understanding and I would like to thank him for that."

Coppell also apologised to the players and supporters, who

were relegated from the Premiership in May and who have lived with rumours of takeover bids the last six months. The successor will be the cluh's third manager this season after Alan Ball resigned in August, and

their ninth in the past 10 years. Lee said that Coppell re-vealed his problems at the heginning of the week and refused either to take a holiday to reconsider, or to be persuaded to change his mind. "I have spoken to him two or three times every day this week," Lee said.

RHEST MANAGERIAL ENGELSH FOOTBALL

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> "He is better than he was on Monday or Tuesday, when he was a hit downcast, but he has insisted on going and has gone on holiday with a friend.

> I had a similar problem myself a long time ago and I know how he feels. He'll be a relieved lad now he's got it off his mind. He'll be all right. It takes a strong character to sit there and read out a statement like that."

It was Coppell's honesty and strength of character that ap-

mishap can afflict a cluh who and it will be difficult, as past events have proved, to find a man ham, who has since accepted a turned down the job after Ball's departure, while Howard Kendall and Kenny Dalglish also rejected the position via the media even though, Lee insists,

they were never offered it. Coppell was City's third choice, but even his appointment had an element of gamhling about it as the then Crystal Palace technical director had been away from management

for more than three years. His record in his six matches at Maine Road was two wins, a draw and three defeats, which leaves the club in 17th place in the First Division. Neal, a former manager

players at Coppell's departure. "I sooke to Steve last Sunday and heard that be was not well," he said. "I thought be his final decision.

one's guess. Supporters welcomed Coppell's appointment, despite his connections with Manchester United, for whom he played almost 400 times. Although his statement has to be taken at face value, there will be many wonmust wonder what further pealed to Lee in the first place dering if there is a hidden agenda.

with Bolton, Coventry and Cardiff, was as stunned as the he was just physically sick. I underneath it all. It wasn't once implied that this would

44 days 1978 Neal revealed that two of the City players were literally bowled over by the news. Eddie McGoldrick and Paul Dickov fell to the ground in shock. None of the players had any idea about developments until Neal spoke to them after training.

Where Lee will turn next is any



Francis Lee (right), the Manchester City chairman, looks on as Steve Coppell announces his resignation as manager yesterday . Photograph: Numb Team

Was Lee interfering or was money promised for transfers not forthcoming? Although Coppell has made it clear his decision was purely personal, it will not make it any easier to fill a position that was not too good to refuse even before this latest setback. Asa Hartford, the assistant given

left, said he did not want the job. Neal now faces the challenge that proved too much for Coppell, whose throwaway comment after his first home match carries more significant governing bodies to ease the now. They call Manchester Madchester," he said, "and

now I know why. For a proud, intelligent man who said the chance to manage City had left him "excited and delighted", it was a sad day. But as Lee himself pointed out yescharge of the first team when Ball terday: "There have been too many sad days" at Maine Road.

Coppell's resignation had Howard Wilkinson, the League Managers' Association chairman, calling on foothall's for the job is good."

pressure under which managers now operate.

Wilkinson, himself a manager for 15 years before being sacked by Leeds in September, said: There is no doubt the game has changed dramatically in the last 10 years in terms of the manager's role or the manager's perceived role. Ill health is not a new thing in management, but it is an increasing one and it's not enough to say that the pay

nal and Coventry manager and ex-England coach, sympathised

with Coppell's plight. "Steve doesn't make these Zola signing finalised, page 29

Don Howe, the former Arse- decisions lightly... But there's something about Steve Coppell He won't go and hide away. That's the last thing he'll do."

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14 Display principled resistance (5)

15 Old coin one found in Tube Vivices raised in arguments

beside river (9)

18 An allergy unfortunately affecting the voice-box (9)

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22 At one's peak age?
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one over during failure (7)
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Giddins 'hopeful' as drug ban is upheld Cricket immediately driven away by his

DEREK PRINGLE

Ed Giddins, the Sussex and England A bowler banned for 19 months when traces of cocaine were found during a random drugs test last season, had his appeal quashed at Lord's yesterday. In probably their last meeting before next year's assimilation into the new England Cricket Board, the fourman Cricket Council, chaired by Judge Desmond Perrett QC, upheld the original decision made by the Test and County Cricket Board in August.

As no fresh evidence was offered - merely an appeal that the sentence was too severe - the decision came as little surprise. With a recent children's poll placing sportsmen and clergy not far behind parents in the list of who they look to for morality, even the presence of Michael Lawrence, the solicitor who managed to overturn the £2,000 fine levied on Ray Illingworth,

failed to make any headway. "It was an extremely fair meeting," Lawrence said. "Ed couldn't have wished for a better tribunal. It's a disappointing result hut he'll just have to take it on the chin. In the long run though, I think his talent wil prevail '

The meeting, which lasted just over two and a half hours, was ohviously draining and upon its conclusion, Giddins was

agent, Gareth James, returning an hour later to face questions

from the press. "I'm very upset. Even angry. Which is unusual for me," said Giddins, normally an unusually cheery cove for a fast bowler, albeit one with an alternative slant that did not always sit comfortably with the old pros in the Sussex dressing-room. When asked what he was going to do now, he quipped: "Go to the pub."

The decision leaves the 25vear-old Giddins, unceremoniously dumped by Sussex, without any obvious means of support. "Cricket has been my life for a long time now," he said. "I'm not going to leave it. The reason I appealed is because I wanted to be playing first-class cricket next season. That, and all the supportive letters I've had from the public."

Responding to rumours that 10 counties were interested in signing him Giddins added: There have been some good talks recently and I hope to be able to sign a contract next week." That may be wishful thinking now that his ban re-

mains in place until April 1998. His plans for the short term revolve around opening a shop in Parson's Green, selling Christmas trees in partnership with Surrey's Nadeem Shahid. Perhaps that, more than the ban, will make him realise the folly of his ways.

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